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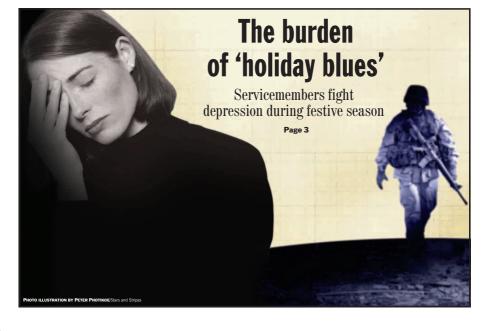
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States

Immigrant smuggling: Jurors re-med deliberations Monday in the trial of two men accused of taking part in a deadly immigrant smuggling attempt in which more than 70 people were crammed inside a stifling tractor-trailer near Victoria, Texas. Nineteen of the illegal immi-

The trial of Victor Jesus Rodriguez and Fredy Giovanni Garcia-Tobar is the first stemming from the deaths in 2003. Five of the 14 people indicted have pleaded guilty.

Kerik flaws: White House investigators knew of many of the flaws that surfaced since Bernard Kerik withdrew as the nor nee to lead the Homeland Security Department, Andrew Card, President Bush's chief of staff, said Sunday.

Kerik. 49, withdrew his name from consid-

eration on Dec. 10, saying he had employed an illegal alien as a nanny and had failed to submit required Social Security payments.

Card did not say whether a decision was made that the former New York City police commissioner's shortcomings should be overlooked to approve his nomination.

Business

Microsoft-EU relations: Microsoft Corp. renewed its offer Monday to resume negotic tions with the European Union in their five-year antitrust battle, saying it would do so immediately after a court rules this week on whether to suspend an order forcing the software giant to change business practices.

The two sides were involved in settlement talks before EU antitrust regulators fined Mi-crosoft a record \$666 million and told the company to reveal some of its trade secrets to competitors and produce a Windows platform without its digital Media Player.

Fannie Mae problems: The board of Fannie Mae has been discussing a possible executive shake-up as the embattled mortgage giant responds to regulators' allegations of accounting violations and faces a likely restatement of \$9 billion or more in earnings. A \$9 billion restatement, which Fannie Mae previously had said would be likely if the SEC found its accounting was flawed, would wine out about one-third of reported

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Guantanamo Bay detainees: A military review has determined a second prisone held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, is wrongly



Afghan disarmament: Afghan authorities load pieces of an anti-aircraft gun onto the back of a

truck Monday after it was handed over by former Afghan fighters as part of the Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) program in Kabul, Afghanistan. Under the DDR scheme ex-combatants, after handing their weapons over, are given the choice of working in agriculture, training for the police, de-mining, starting a small business or being reintegrated back to Afghanistan's national army now being trained by foreign troops. More than 30,000 militiamen have already been disarmed since the program was started, officials say.

classified as an enemy combatant, and he will be will released to his home country soon, a Pentagon official said Monday

Navy Secretary Gordon England refused to provide the man's name or nationality, and the circumstances of his original capture were not immediately available. The State Department has been notified of the decision and will make arrangements to return him home

World

Bus hijacking: Two Albanian housepaint-ers were jailed Monday to await trial on charges of hijacking a bus in Athens and holding about two dozen passengers hostage for 18 hours, authorities said

Gaz Resuli and Leonard Murati, both 24, charged with kidnapping and attempted murder, apologized for their actions at their arraignment. They said they took the hostages and demanded a \$1.3 million ransom to start a business in Albania

They face up to 25 years in prison.

Ukraine election: Ukraine's two presidential candidates faced off Monday in a televised debate less than a week before a rerun of their disputed election, with opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko accusing his rival of trying to steal the Nov. 21 runoff vote.

Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych responded by saying his opponent was drag-ging up past accusations and refusing to look forward to Ukraine's future, and he suggested that a Yushchenko victory would further divide the nation.

Rules for the 100-minute debate allowed the two candidates to ask each other questions directly. Foreign policy, the economy and social benefits were expected to domi-

Terrorism in Indonesia: A rusty, unexploded grenade was found near the Hilton Hotel in Jakarta early Monday, police and hotel officials said, days after foreign governments warned that terrorists were planning attacks on Western targets ahead of

Christmas. A gardener found the grenade near a fence surrounding the sprawling, five-star complex in the Indonesian capital, said Emeraldo Parengkuan, Hilton's public relations director.

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'An emotional roller coaster' AAFES pulling

Festive season can be a real downer for servicemembers 'andro'

BY GREG TYLER Stars and Stripes

SASERO NAVAL BASE Japan - Keeping spirits bright can be a special challenge for individuals and families separated by over-

seas deployments. The possibility of feeling down or sad - having the "holiday blues" - is intensified when ser vicemembers are in combat zones or anticipating deployment.

And this year, thousands of troops from across the Pacific including 3.500 from the 2nd Infantry Division in South Korea and 900 Marines from Okinawa's 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit are deployed in Iraq. Sasebo's Essex Expeditionary Strike Group, including the USS Essex, USS Harpers Ferry and USS Junean is in the northern Arabian Gulf and about 300 airmen from Yokota Air Base, Japan, are scheduled to deploy in January

throughout Southwest Asia. 'The holiday time is a very sensitive issue for those deployed," said Lt. William Onuh, a Roman Catholic chaplain at Sasebo, who deployed with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit from Camp Lejeune to Iraq at this time last year. "It becomes an emotional roller coaster

There is a tendency for some to think their deployed loved ones don't think about them, or they don't care. But that's not true." he said. "They think about not being there. They talk about things they would love to do with their chil dren, but they can't."

One Navy officer who asked not to be identified said. "This holiday blues business is definitely a real issue, and not something we just sort of imagine, because, 'Well, these people aren't back home, so they must be de-pressed.'... it's a real deal.

"There are four Christmas holiday periods in a row from several vears back that I don't even remember because I was drinking so much," the officer recalled.

Officials say other factors contributing to the holiday blues include stress, fatigue, unrealistic expectations, over-commercial-ization of the holidays and financial constraints.

Coping with 'holiday blues'

Keep expectations for the holiday season manageable Try to set realistic goals for yourself Remember the holiday season does not mean you cannot also feel sad or

lonely; there is room for those feelings Leave "yesteryear" in the past and look to the future. Don't compare today with the "good of days.

Do something for someone else. Try volunteering some time to help others Enjoy free activities such as driving

around, looking at holiday decorations and window-shopping

Be aware that excessive drinking will only increase your depression Try something new. Celebrate the holidays in a new way Spend time with supportive and caring people. Make new friends or contact

Save time for yourself, Recharge your batteries, Let others share responsibility for activities

Source: The National Mental Health Association

Stare and Stringe

Shannon Johnson is home at Sasebo with her three children while her husband. Marine Gunnery Sgt. Manny Johnson, is deployed with the Harpers Ferry.

"Sure, I'm 'OK,' but you have to work at it," she said. "If there is something you need, well, get it. There are all kinds of programs and events in place offering just about everything you can think

"You have to carry on, and enjoy yourself. It's your choice, and you can do it. Do you think my husband is floating around hoping we have miserable holidays because he isn't here? I don't

think so," Johnson said. Navy Lt. Lloyd Davis, a psychologist with Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station's Navy Branch Medi-cal Clinic, said, "Holiday blues sufferers range from homesick individuals who miss their families and pets, to individuals with a diagnosable depressive disorder that impairs their social or family life or their work significantly and may lead to thoughts of sui-

Davis said more cases of the blues and depression appear dur-

ing the holidays. The number of individuals

contemplating suicide increases .. over most other months, but this is also the time when the operational tempo is slower and there are actually more people on base," he said.

Pacific bases provide opportunities to celebrate holidays with religious services, social functions and, at some facilities, holiday blues avoidance training.

Iwakuni's "Making Spirits Bright" program, which began at Thanksgiving and continues through New Year's Day, offers daily activities sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services.

The Marines in Iwakuni are "the best I have seen" at taking care of each other by having activities, free food, trips and sporting events this time of year, Davis said. "I have heard from several Marines that they have had a better time in Iwakuni over the holidays than they have ever had at

On Okinawa, Marine Corps Community Services, Marine and Family Services Branch, spon-sored a series of 19 holiday presentations earlier this month called "Beating the Blues."

John Velker, MCCS Okinawa's Substance Abuse Counseling director, described the sessions as positive, optimistic and educational. "By staying personally con-nected," he said, "we will more easily identify and assist those who need our support."

The counseling director said holidays usually create downtime "there's that tendency to and party" when there's downtime, he said. "We accentuate the positive and the optimistic and inform them about the myriad of things they can do that are much more enriching than just drinking.'

This is Marine Pfc. Marcus Winfield's and Pfc. Ben Pulice's first holiday season away from family and friends.

Both Marines from 3rd Transportation Support Battalion in Okinawa, said they'd miss being home and expressed concern for troops in Iraqi war zones this holiday season.

Pulice said the reality of war recently "hit home" as a good friend's father was killed in Iraq and a cousin left Iraq for home with grenade shrapnel wounds.

Winfield said he has several friends deployed in Irag. "I just pray for their safe return. It will help me when they come home safe," he said, "It will help build my morale for when I have to go

Spc. Jessica True recently arrived in South Korea after serving with the 51st Transportation

Company in Iraq.
She said this Christmas she would be thinking about her friends from the 51st, who de ployed to Iraq for a second time this month

"I pray for them every day because I just think they are getting a raw deal, I PCSed (permanent change of station) about two weeks ago before their orders for Iraq came in," she said.

Sasebo's command chanlain Cmdr. Harvey Ranard said. "If you notice a friend withdrawing, or projecting an obvious change in demeanor, don't hesitate to ask what is bothering them. "Most of the time, even in se

vere depression or suicidal cases. they will talk to you. If they have holiday blues, you're letting them know someone cares and you can invite them out ... get them out of themselves.

"That's a friend." he said. Fred Zimmerman, Seth Robson and Vince Little contributed to this repo F-mail Greg Tyler at:

off shelves

Stars and Strings

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has announced it is pulling all products containing androstenedione — commonly re-ferred to as "andro" — off its store shelves.

All AAFES facilities have been told to remove all andro products after President Bush signed a hill to take effect in early 2005, banning the substance.

Body-builders use androstenedione as a steroid precursor.

It is one of 18 substances to be added to the list of banned anabolic steroids in Section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 USC 802) when the law takes effect Jan. 20, according to an AAFES release.

Any supplements containing andro will be classified as controlled substances: the products will be unavailable for legal purchase

The release stated that using the substances would be illegal even were they purchased before Jan. 20.

AAFES said all products containing andro have been removed from its facilities throughout the Pacific region.

A Marine Corps Exchange spokeswoman at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni said that store carried no products contain-

The GNC vitamin and supplement store outside the exchange did carry some supplements with andro, she said, but they've been pulled from the shelves.

ing andro.

Navy Exchange officials at Sasebo and Yokosuka said they were unaware of any plans to re move products containing andro from their stores.

S. Korean ships in Guam

Three South Korean naval ships arrived in Guam for a port visit Saturday, carrying 800 well-traveled sailors, according to Lt. Arwen E. Consaul, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas spokeswoman. The South Korean sailors from

Yangmanchoon, Hwachoen and Wonsan ships, stopped in Guam a day earlier than planned because of weather conditions.

The port call is part of an extended journey that will take them across more than 21,000 miles in 99 days, according to a Navy news release.

Also, the port call "is to en-hance diplomatic relations," she said Monday

The cruise started Sept. 22 and has taken the sailors to 10 ports, including Russia, Japan, Mexico, Canada and French Polynesia, in a training mission also designed to build international rapport.

The ships are slated to leave Guam on Thursday.

From staff reports

Group links lung cancer to Gulf War fires vironmental exposure to combuslung cancer for some veterans. nose, mouth and throat, bladder

WASHINGTON - Veterans of the 1991 Persian Gulf War exposed to pollution from oil well fires, exhausts and other sources face an increased risk of lung cancer, a government advisory group reported Monday.

A committee of the Institute of Medicine concluded there isn't enough evidence to determine whether most of veterans' health problems are associated with such exposures. But it said occupational and en-

tion products has been shown to increase danger of lung cancer.

"Studies of people exposed to air pollution, vehicle exhaust and burning of coal and other heating and cooking fuels consistently that such exposures are linked to increased risk for developing lung cancer," committee head Lynn Goldman said in a statement.

'This provides sufficient evidence that exposure to combustion products during the Gulf War could be associated with

Goldman, a professor at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore However, Goldman added, "it

should be emphasized that smoking is the major culprit for lung cancer, accounting for 80 percent of all cases, according to the American Cancer Society

The committee said evidence is too weak to connect other cancers to exposure to combustion products. But it said there are indications that such exposure may be linked to asthma, cancers of the

and to low birth weight and premature births among women exposed while pregnant. A major problem, the report

said, is that there is little information about the actual exposure of individual servicemembers to these pollutants during the war.

Iraqi troops retreating from Kuwait ignited more than 600 oil well fires and the smoke and other combustion products sometimes remained low to the ground. The Institute of Medicine is a branch of the National Academy of Science.

Sasebo hoping for return of single sailors

BY GREG TYLER Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan If the USS Fort McHenry ar-rives here Wednesday, as many on the base believe it will, the will get red-carpet treatment via an evening holiday bash sponsored primarily by the Navy League Council of Sasebo.

Seventh Fleet spokesman, Chief Petty Officer Rick Chernitzer, couldn't confirm the return because of a Navy policy about fu-

ture ship movements. The council started planning a party for single sailors several weeks ago, even though all but one of the base's large amphibious ships were deployed

Fort McHenry arrival would mean more partygoers

The single sailor pool had dwindled with the USS Essex, USS Harpers Ferry and USS Juneau patrolling in the North Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Iraqi

But the single sailors party still could draw from crews of 350 on the Fort McHenry, about 70 each on minesweepers USS Guardian and USS Patriot, about 80 on rescue and salvage ship USS Safe-guard and about 300 assigned to

The Fort McHenry left in early December for a humanitarian relief effort in the Philippines. That took some of the wind from the Navy League sails, although the party still was on, if shrinking.

"we are very happy that at least one of our large ships will be here when we throw the arty at the Bowling Center Thursday night," said Navy League Council President Jerry Havens.

He said the Navy League is en-couraging all single sailors to attend, although any married sailor rank E-4 or below also is invited. However, Havens said, parents are asked not to bring children to

As of Monday, the Navy League had accumulated \$3,300 for the

party, including \$1,100 in door prizes, Havens added, through sources including donations from

several base organizations. Last week, rumors began circuating on Sasebo that the Fort McHenry was steaming back to the base Seaman Rebecca Curtius, the sailor representative on

the party committee, said interest in the event is high throughout the base. "Rumor has it," she said, "that the crew is also quite excited" "We also plan to take plates of

food to the security personnel on watch," Curtius said. "We have some great door prizes including two DVD players and a 13-inch television with a built-in DVD player. I wouldn't mind winning that one."

Brenda James, wife of base commander Capt. Michael James, has organized a fleet of spouses to cook holiday fare to serve just outside the Bowling Center under tents assembled by the Morale, Welfare and Recre

ation department.
The Single Sailors Celebration The Single Saliors Celebration is at 6 p.m. through midnight Thursday and is free, including the meal, bowling, video games and use of the pool table in the Bowling Center. The home-cooked food will be served from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

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Misawa reopens Davy Jones Locker

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan -

The Navy is accepting reservations again for Davy Jones Locker after sinking more than \$60,000 sprucing up its interior.

Monday, officials with Misawa Naval Air Facility's Public Works Department proudly showed off facility's improvements. which include more floor space, new tiles and paint and an indoor storage area.

The Locker is popular for social gatherings such as birthdays, squadron parties and even wedding receptions, said Charmaine Bennett, an administrative assistant for Misawa NAF Public Works Department

"It's used almost every week end," she said.

"Part of our maintenance and operations procedure is to take a look at all the buildings to see which ones can be improved. said Lt. j.g. Brad Bunker, a Public Works officer. He added that Public Works tried to make it more efficient because of the number of



JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripes

Davy Jones Locker at Misawa Air Base, Japan, is open again for parties and other social gatherings. Misawa Naval Air Facility's Public Works Department recently completed a \$60,000 renovation project to the building interior. The site also has a new playground.

people who use it.

Contractor Tanaka Gumi Corporation of Misawa began interior renovations in October Misawa NAF Public Works paid for and oversaw the project.

The Locker has a kitchen with a refrigerator, stove and cabinets, the last of which are to be refurbished. Outside are a pavilion, volleyball court and a new \$163,000 playground. Earlier this year, Public Works finished laying down a new playground with soft matting and slides.

swings, a miniature climbing wall and other equipment.

All military identification-card holders 18 or older may reserve the site for free for a 24-hour period. Reservations can be made 60 days in advance, except for November and December reservations, which can be made just 30

days ahead of time. Call DSN 226-3594 to check on the facility's availability. Reserva tions must be made in person in Building 987

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Navy identifies sailor who died in motorcycle crash

Stare and Strings

U.S. Navy officials identified the sailor who died in a motorcycle accident Sunday as Petty Officer 2nd Class Joshua Jacob Anderson

Anderson died after a collision between his motorcycle and a motor scooter ridden by a Japanese resident at approximately 11:15 a.m. on the Miura Peninsula near Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan

Japanese authorities who responded to the accident took the USS Cowpens gunner's mate to the Kyosaikai Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at

A Uraga Police Department Station spokesman in Yokosuka City said Anderson was traveling on Highway 134 in Yokosuka's Tsukui district when his motorcycle collided with a motor scooter that was turn-

The motor scooter was driven by Kumiko Kadokawa, 47, of Yokosuka, he said.
"Andersen's motorcycle skidded for about 150

feet before it hit walls along the road," the spokesman said, adding that police believe Andersen was traveling at 80 kilometers to 90 kilometers per hour (50 to 56 mph) at the time of the accident.

Kadokawa's right elbow was dislocated and her left leg bruised, the police spokesman said, adding that the accident remains under police investiga-

Beyond providing Anderson's name after his immediate family was notified, a Seventh Fleet spokesman declined to comment.

"We can't discuss any particulars of the incident as it's still under investigation," said Chief Petty Officer Rick Chernitzer.

The Cowpens, part of Carrier Strike Group 5, operates out of Yokosuka

Yokota fires ovens for 'Cookie Crunch'

BY VINCE LITTLE Stars and Strines

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan -It's "Crunch" time again for the Yokota Enlisted Spouses Club. which plans to distribute nearly 11 000 homemade cookies this week to the base's 900 unaccomnanied servicemembers - one dozen at a time.

The fifth annual "Cookie Crunch" unfolds Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. from the West Chapel, where the cookies may be dropped off curbside, bagged, and picked up by Yokota's first sergeants for delivery that after-'Yokota is much more commu-

nity-oriented than any other base back in the States," said Kristie Drown, chairwoman of the YESC's Cookie Crunch committee, "A lot of people may be just out of basic training, and this is their first time away from home. They might not have any family here at all, so we fill in and act as a surrogate family.

"It can be tough on them during the holidays, but nothing says Christmas more home-baked cookies.'

The group still needs volunteer bakers and baggers. Drown said On Sunday, the committed cookie count sat at 600 dozen. Organizers will have a sign out-

side the West Chapel reading "Honk if you have cookies. Drown's four children - Ashley Alyssa, Dakota and Allison — will be among the volunteers running the tasty treats back and forth from the curbside. Chocolate chip cookies are the

most popular, she said, but variety is encouraged. The assortment may include oatmeal, gingerbread, sugar, snickerdoodles even brownies.

The only requirement: they can't be store-bought.

"On paper, we're below what we need," Drown said. "But last vear, was the same way. I'm hoping it turns out the same way.

That's when Yokota residents came through on "Crunch" day with 12,000 cookies. The YESC wound up giving some away to sonnel the visitor's center and base hospital — among other

"We had been worried about the numbers and not getting enough," Drown recalled. "But the community came out in droves. It was wonderful."

There won't be an ending time Wednesday, but YESC hopes to have all bags filled by 3 p.m. Unit first sergeants will pick them up throughout the day.

"They are very appreciative of it," Drown said. "They don't nor-mally get homemade cookies. To actually have the cookies someone spent time to bake, they love And it lets them know thinking of them.

"Cookie Crunch" organizers get widespread support from

Martha Schissler, wife of Col. Mark Schissler, the 374th Airlift Wing commander, and Addy Lawler, the Yokota Officers' Spouses Club president, assist with promotional endeavors and The Yokota commissary donat-

ed 1,000 cookie bags — with 500 going to Yokota East Elementary School and the Before & After School Program, where students added the holiday touch by decorating them. In addition, JENS manager Micheal Bennett of-fered 125-minute calling cards, which are being placed in each cookie sack so servicemembers can call home for the holidays. The "Cookie Crunch" was creat-

ed in 2000 by Master Sgt. Can-dace Crute, a former first ser-geant and YESC member who wanted to spread the holiday spir-it and provide a touch of home to younger, unaccompanied airmen.

"It's human nature to want to give around Christmas," Drown "But without the constant support of volunteer bakers who keep coming back every year, we wouldn't be able to keep this going."

To volunteer as a bagger or donate a dozen to the cookie drive. yokotacookiecrunch@ yahoo.com

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IN THE WORLD

Group: Russia's freedoms limited under Putin's rule

BY JUDITH INGRAM

The Associated Press

MOSCOW - Russia has restricted rights to such an extent that it has joined the countries that are not free for the first time since the 1991 fall of the Soviet Union, Freedom House said Monday, marking Moscow's march away from the Western democracies it has embraced as diplomatic partners.

"This sethack for freedom renresented the year's most impor-tant political trend," the U.S.-based nongovernmental organization wrote in its annual study, Freedom in the World

Freedom House noted increased Kremlin control over national television and other media. limitations on local government. and parliamentary and presidential elections it said were neither free nor fair

"Russia's step backward into the Not Free category is the culmination of a growing trend under President Vladimir Putin to concentrate political authority, harass and intimidate the media, and politicize the country's law-enforcement system," Execu-tive Director Jennifer Windsor

"These moves mark a dangerous and disturbing drift toward authoritarianism in Russia, made more worrisome by President Putin's recent heavy-handed meddling in political developments in neighboring countries, such as Ukraine."

The report accused Putin of exploiting the terrorist seizure of a school in southern Russia to ram through what Freedom House called the dismantlement of local authority. In the wake of the attack, which killed more than 330 people, Putin introduced a plan to end the election of governors by popular vote and the election of legislators in individual races.

Currently, the 450 seats in the lower house of parliament are equally split between those filled through party lists and those contested in district races

The Russian Foreign Ministry



Russian President Vladimir Putin meets with the Cabinet on Monday in Moscow's Kremlin, Freedom House, a U.S.-based organization that tracks the progress of political rights and civil liberties across the world, said Monday that Russia had declined to the status of "not free."

had no immediate comment on the report, which said that Russia had reached its lowest point where political rights and civic freedoms are concerned since 1989. Freedom House said that on balance, the world saw increased freedom in 2004: 26 countries showed gains while 11

showed decline Of the world's 192 countries, it judged 46 percent free, 26 percent not free, and the rest partly free. Eight rated as the most repressive: Burma, Cuba, Libya, North Korea, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria and Turkmenistan.

The NGO said that only Central and Eastern Europe had seen "dramatic progress" over the past year. It noted that Bosnia-Herzegovina's rating had improved following the first elections organized entirely by Bosnian institutions

In the Middle East, Freedom House rated just Israel as free.

Five countries in the region, including Jordan and Yemen, are partly free, and 12 are not free. It said the territories occupied by Israel and run by the Palestinian Authority were not free.

Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and

Qatar registered modest gains, Freedom House said.

It registered democratic gains in the former Soviet republics of Georgia and Ukraine, where popular protests forced the cancellation of the results of fraudulent elections over the past 13 months.

The positive experiences in Georgia and Ukraine indicate that democratic ferment and non-violent civic protest are potent forces for political change," Windsor said. "They also reinforce freedom's gradual global advance.

The former Soviet republics of Belarus, Armenia and Lithuania saw setbacks - the first two due to the authorities' increasingly harsh response to dissent, and the latter because of "worrying questions about the full autonomy of Lithuania's political leadership" in the wake of President Roland Paksas' impeachment amid allegations of influence by the Rus-

Freedom House, a Washington-based, nonpartisan group, was founded nearly 60 years ago by Americans concerned about threats to democracy. It conducts advocacy, research and training to encourage and nurture democ-

Six killed in firefight at Afghan checkpoint

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan -A vehicle carrying a group of susnected Taliban fighters attacked a military checkpoint in southern Afghanistan, sparking a firefight that left six dead and at least four wounded, police said Monday.

Kandahar police chief Khan Mohammed said the attack occurred at 6 p.m. Sunday in Maivand district, 90 miles west of Kandahar city

The exchange of gunfire killed four soldiers and a civilian, and the attackers left behind the body of one fighter as they drove away. police said. Security forces were pursuing them.

In a separate incident, two American soldiers were wounded Saturday when their patrol came under small arms fire northeast of Shinkay, in adjacent Zabul province, U.S. Maj. Mark Mc-Cann told reporters.

firefight and are in stable condition awaiting transport to a U.S medical facility in Germany, he

It was unclear how many attackers were involved, but Mc-Cann said it likely was no more

Also Monday, international peacekeepers said they had found one of the largest ammunition caches yet at a storage facility on the southern outskirts of the

A Canadian explosives disposal squad that went to the site after a tip from a local man found more than 500 rockets and mortar rounds. The weapons will be de-

stroyed.
"We are seeing this type of thing occurring more frequently where Afghans are disclosing the location of these weapons" said Lt. Cmdr. Ken MacKillop, a spokesman for the International Security Assistance Force."

Jewish leaders call on settlers to resist Gaza evacuation plan

PLUSHNICK-MASTI The Associated Press

JERUSALEM - Jewish settler eaders urged their followers Monday to resist the evacuation of settlements in the Gaza Strin and parts of the West Bank, signaling a shift toward revolt after settlers lost hope of stopping the pullback by political means.

The announcement came as parliament endorsed a reform bill that is expected to clear the way for the moderate opposition Labor Party to join the govern-ment, which would stabilize Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's coalition and guarantee strong political support for the Gaza with-

Also Monday, Israel backed out of a proposed Mideast peace conference in London, after earlier signaling it would attend.

For months, settler leaders had been confident they could stop the Gaza plan with political lobbying and bring down Sharon, if necessary. Last summer, the settlers' political patrons guit the coalition, weakening Sharon's government. Settlers also enjoyed strong support among many legislators in Sharon's Likud Party

However, Sharon outmaneuvered his opponents, including those in Likud.

The call to disobedience was issued by Pinchas Wallerstein, a former leader of the Yesha Settlers' Council. Wallerstein sent letters around the West Bank, saving settlers should resist evacuation even if it means going to pris-

Peace activists called on Attorney General Meni Mazuz to con-sider indicting Wallerstein for incitement and sedition, but after consultation all day Monday, Mazuz decided against recommending that he be charged, Justice Ministry spokesman Jacob Galanty said. However, Mazuz will continue examining the case,

The withdrawal plan is accompanied by special legislation which says anyone physically resisting the dismantling of settlements faces up to three years in prison. The bill requires two more votes before becoming law. At a news conference, the Yesha Settlers' Council endorsed Wallerstein's call to disobedi-

The Yesha council stands behind Pinchas Wallerstein," said Bentsi Lieberman, head of the council.

Report indicates China plans to begin trials by jury next year

The Associated Press

BEIJING - China will start holding jury trials next year as part of court reforms that also will increase the number of judges, state media reported Monday.

The measures were announced by China's highest court after a meeting last week on how to best prepare the courts to handle cases stemming from the country's sweeping economic changes, the official Xinhua News Agency said

Jurors are to be elected to five-year terms and must have at least two years of university education, the Xinhua report and other state media said. Under the current system, judges are the sole arbiters in court cases.

Elections are not unheard of in China. The communist government has used nonpartisan "village elections" in recent years to pick its lowest-level officials and members of local legislatures.

However, it wasn't clear how the use of juries would affect the two biggest public complaints about Chinese courts - corruption by court officials and interference by Communist Party officials.

The number of judges in Chinese courts will increase by 10 percent, the reports said, citing Xiao Yang, president of the Supreme People's Court.

Xiao promised that courts would be

tougher on corruption and intellectual property theft — two politically sensitive is as well as smuggling and dereliction of duty, the reports said.

Courts face rising numbers of cases involving state-owned company reforms, dis-putes of back pay, illegal land acquisitions and burglaries, Xiao said.

"During such a period, the country needs improvement in its judicial capacity," he was quoted as saying.

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AIDS creates orphan crisis in Zimbabwe

HARARE, Zimbabwe - Nearly a million children in Zimbabwe have lost one or both parents to AIDS and HIV-related illnesses, the United Nations Children's Fund said Monday.

Girls as young as nine were caring for siblings or for ailing parents and relatives in Zimbabwe, UNICEF said in its annual State of the World's Children report.

With an estimated 26 percent of the coun try's 12.5 million people infected with HIV, orphans were dropping out of school, often suffered from malnutrition and

Report: Nearly a million children have lost parents due to HIV-related illnesses

"more likely to be involved in hazardous forms of labor" including prostitution, said Festo Kavishe, UNICEF's chief representa-

The fund's report on Zimbabwe said the social and economic consequences of HIV/AIDS were underscored by the decline in life expectancy from age 52 to 37

In traditionally polygamous African societies. HIV is mostly spread by heterosexual contact as well as needles and blades contaminated with infected blood.

Zimbabwe is facing its worst economic crisis since independence, with soaring prices and record unemployment. Public

health services have crumbled

Most of the estimated 2.000 people who die from AIDS-related illnesses each week are unable to afford treatment and are usually sent home to die if they have been briefly hospitalized.

The nation is suffering acute shortages of hard currency and essential imports, including medicines

The government estimates that 26 per cent of Zimbabwe's people are infected with HIV/AIDS, but officials acknowledge the rate could be higher because of a stigma that leaves many conditions unreported as being HIV-related.

Health officials warn of threat of flu pandemic

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BY YEOH EN-LAI

The Associated Press

SINGAPORE - Health officials warned Monday that the world was close

to its next pandemic - a powerful and highly contagious mix of avian influenza and flu virus that would likely he centered in Asia.

Authorities also warned that humans, and not animals as initially thought, would probably be the carriers. "We are get-

ting closer, but when it's going to happen, said

François-Xavier Meslin, the World Health Organization's coordinator for disease control, prevention and eradication.

"If it happens, which is not yet proven, it's going to be worse than SARS," he said at a task force meeting on bird flu led by Association of Southeast Asian Nations. "A full-blown flu virus you can transmit easily to people in your family or people you work with. It's a very highly contagious disease compared to SARS

The H5N1 bird flu virus killed 32 people in Thailand and Vietnam this year, while SARS - severe acute respiratory syndrome killed 774 and infected nearly 8,000, mostly in Asia, in 2003.

Both outbreaks caused wide spread economic losses throughout the region.

Meslin said the proximity of high-tech farms and backvard operations, coupled with high human-to-animal contact, could spur another outbreak of avian influenza in Asia.

WHO had warned previously that bird flu mixed with a human flu virus could spread rapidly and

Swiss Army knife goes high-tech for Christmas

BY BRADLEY S. KLAPPER

The Associated Press

GENEVA - These marvels of craftsmanship have fascinated generations of boys with their unfolding fan of blades, their pop-out corkscrews and hidden magnifying glasses. Now, the Swiss Army knife is going high-tech with a new model that includes a memory chip that can store up to 512 megabytes of data.

It's all part of a strategy to win back consumers especially Christmas shoppers — after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks deprived the two official makers of the Swiss Army knife of a big part of a crucial market: travelers who bought knives as souvenirs and gifts

After the Sept. 11 attacks, the pocket knives suddenly became much less attractive for travelers as airport screeners started confiscating anything sharp or pointed, including nail files

This season, Victorinox — the biggest maker of the knives — is pinning its hopes on the "SwissMemory" series, first introduced in March at the Hamburg Computer Fair. Its innovation is the inclusion of a small data chip that can store anything from photos to MP3 files and can be plugged directly into a computer's USB port.

"We have been planning this for a long time now since USB first came on the market - but until now the technology was too big and complex to be put in a pocket knife," said Hans Schorno, press spokesman for Victorinox

"We wanted to make a strong move on the market this year, because we have been having a difficult time," said Schorno. "We used to sell many pocket knives in the duty-free section, but now this happens increasingly less because they must be packed be-

Victorinox's SwissMemory products augment more than 400 other pocket knives in the company's

SAIKAYA Bido



Karin Mueller demonstrates a Victorinox Swiss Army knife with an integrated 128MB USB Memory Stick at the March computer fair CeBIT in Hanover, Ger-

inventory, including the glow-in- the-dark "Stay Glow" and flashlight-embedded "Midnite Manager." Wenger estimates that Christmas shopping accounts for a fifth of its annual income. Victorinox says sales aimed at year-end giving is a big part of its yearly total, but declined to give a percentage.

Aside from ordinary consumers, Victorinox and Wenger do have one constant source of revenue: They evenly split the rights to provide the Swiss military with knives.

Wenger says roughly half of its pocket knife sales in Switzerland go to tourists, many of whom make their purchases "spontaneously," just before board-

"The crash of 2001 hurt a lot," said Rebecca Kaeslin, Wenger's head of marketing and communications. "Luckily, this did not last too long - people realized that having a pocket knife does not make you

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Saudis urge Arab unity in economic trade

BY ADNAN MALIK The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain -- Saudi Arabia called Monday for Arab Gulf states to speak with one voice, implied criticism against countries making trade agree-ments with the United States, but Bahrain said it had no intention of abstaining from

A dispute over such agreements was expected to dominate a summit meeting of six Gulf Arab nations that began Monday.

A Gulf official at the summit said the other five states other five states — Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirments with Washington whether the Sau-

Bahrain's king. Sheik Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa onened with a short conciliatory speech, saying: "We have always been a symbol of coherence and integration, and we will continue to be so

For the first time in several years, the Gulf Cooperation Council's dominant power, Saudi Arabia, has not sent its king or crown prince to a summit. The Saudis are represented by their defense minister. The move was widely seen as reflecting Saudi disapproval of Bahrain's signing a free trade agreement with America.

Two other GCC members. Oman and the United Arab Emirates, are due to begin negotiations early next year for free trade deals with America.

On his arrival Monday, Saudi Defense Minister Prince Sultan said current international conditions "call for the Gulf region to unite as a bloc and speak with one voice." The trend toward senarate deals with the United States also indicates the diminishing power of the Saudis over the Gulf Cooperation Council. The kingdom has long dominated the group, a loose political and economic union

But Bahrain's Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammed Abdul Ghaffar said "the free trade agreement does not violate any agree ment among the Gulf states." Mohammed Almezel, a political columnist in Bahrain, told The Associated Press that the smaller Gulf states see the trade deals as a tool to stimulate their economies, "attract foreign

investment and create jobs. "The Saudis are wary of the rapidly changing politics around them," Almezel said, referring to the moves toward democ-racy in neighboring Bahrain, Iraq and Qatar. "They would prefer to see things

slow down a bit." The two-day summit is also expected to discuss terrorism, upcoming elections in Iraq and the Palestinian territories, and various economic matters.

Taking their message to the street



Chinese protesters carry the Chinese national flag and a banner, which reads "We condemn Japan's rude interference into China's internal affairs," during a protest Monday outside the Japanese embassy in Beijing. Chanting "oppose the Japanese government," a group of about 20 protesters demanded that Tokyo reverse its decision to grant former Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui a visa to visit Japan.

Scolding or free advice?

MACAU - Chinese President Hu Jintao urged Hong Kong's leader on Monday to learn from experience and do a better job running the former British colony beset by political and economic troubles.

Hu's remarks were widely interpreted as a rare public scolding of Hong Kong's chief executive, Tung Chee-hwa, who quickly called a news conference to deny that he was being rebuked.

The Chinese president made his comments while meeting with Tung and other Hong Kong officials on the sidelines of celebrations for Macau's fifth anniversary under China's rule.

Hu heaped praise on Macau's success under the "one country, two systems" formula, designed to give the former Portuguese colony a wide degree of autonomy. When Tung returned to Hong

Kong, reporters pelted him with questions about whether Hu had reprimanded him.

"I hope I don't disappoint you again by telling you it was not a dressing down," Tung said.

Japan trims defense

TOKYO - Japan's Cabinet on Monday endorsed a draft \$788.7 billion national budget for fiscal 2005, increasing overall spending to care for an aging population and to pay interest on government debt

The plan trims defense and education spending, however, in an attempt to control deficit spending.

The Finance Ministry draft, which now goes back to ministries for review before a final Cabinet vote on Friday, also calls for a cut in new bond issuance to ease the country's snowballing national debt. The document is to be presented to Parliament in Janu-

The proposal, for the year starting April 1, charts a 0.1 percent increase in total spending, but cuts 0.7 percent from general account expenditures, which encompasses discretionary spending outside of debt servicing and other compulsory costs.

While departments from education and defense to public works and overseas aid face cuts, the social security allocation rose 2.9 percent, underscoring rising costs of supporting Japan's rapidly aging population.

Spending on social security, at \$195 billion, is by far the biggest single part of the national budget. It is followed by interest on the national debt, which will cost 5.0 percent more next year because

of a rise in outstanding bond is-Broadcaster apologizes

TOKYO - In a rare on-air appeal to viewers, the head of Japan's scandal-plagued public broadcaster appeared on a live telecast to apologize for the re cent arrest of an employee who allegedly defrauded the network

"I offer my deepest apologies for betraying the public's trust,' NHK President Katsuii Ebisawa said on Sunday, adding he would consider public complaints and take steps to improve governance at the network.

The broadcaster has been under fire for a slew of scandals that have eroded trust in one of the country's most respected and most-watched TV networks.

Earlier this month, police ar rested a former producer at NHK who allegedly conspired with an official at another company to pocket about \$26,000 in fabricated expenses.

The network is subsidized by the government, and its employees are considered public ser-

Hospital stabbing spree

TOKYO - A man distraught over his losing battle with cancer went on a stabbing spree at a Tokyo hospital Monday, fatally slashing two fellow patients and wounding a nurse with a kitchen knife, police said.

Mitsuru Asami, 59, was arrest-ed by police at Shirahigebashi Hospital on Monday morning, accusing his two victims of watching him too closely, a police spokesman said on the condition of anonymity.

An 86-year-old man died after being stabbed in the chest and abdomen, and a 75-year-old man was killed with slashes to the throat and stomach, the spokesman said. A 41-year-old female nurse was stabbed in the back and was in critical condition, he said

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50 suspects detained in Najaf car bombing

The Associated Pres

BAGHDAD — Thousands of mourners attended funerals Monday and Iraqi authorities detained 50 suspects in connection with an explosion in the Shiite holy city of Najaf that kilield 67 people and wounded 142.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

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As of Sunday, at least 1,304 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,021 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three

military civilians.

The AP count is four higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 11:30 a.m. EST Friday.

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The British military has reported 75 deaths. Italy has reported 19; Poliand, 13; Spain, 11; Utraine, time; Bulgaria, 11; Utraine, time; Bulgaria, 11; Utraine, time; Bulgaria, 11; Utraine, 11; Bulgaria, 11; Utraine, 12; Bulgaria, 11; Utraine, 12; Utraine, 13; Utraine, 13; Utraine, 13; Utraine, 13; Utraine, 13; Utraine, 14; Utraine, 14; Utraine, 14; Utraine, 14; Utraine, 14; Utraine, 15; Utraine, 15; Utraine, 16; Utraine,

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Iraq's interim prime minister warned that the rebels were trying to foment a sectarian war in the country.

Najař police chief Ghalib al-Jazaari said that 50 people were arrested Monday in connection with the bombings. They included "elements" who had confessed to having links with the intelligence services of neighboring Syria and Iran, he claimed.

Authorities in Najaf banned cars from entering the downtown area that houses the Imam Ali shrine to prevent future bombings, Gov. Adnan al-Zurufi said

Monday.

Interim Prime Minister Ayad
Allawi said the mainly Sunni Musinsurgency, blamed for the
deadly strikes Sunday against
Iraq's majority Shittes, want to
"create ethnic and religious tensions, problems and conflicts...to
destroy the unity of this country."

"These attacks are designed to stop the political process from taking place in Iraq," Allawi told reporters. He added that he expect d more such strikes as key Jan. 30 parliamentary elections — the first free vote in Iraq since the overthrow of the monarchy in 1958 — get closer.

Illustrating continuing tensions in the region, a bomb exploded at a police checkpoint in Karbala on Monday, causing damage to surrounding buildings but inflicting no casualties. Police said they cordoned off the area and arrested the attacker.

Shiftes, who make up around 60 percent of Iraq's population, have been strong supporters of the upcoming electoral process, which they expect will reverse the longtime domination of Iraq by the Sunni minority, the country's other main religious sect. The insurgency is believed to who made up the majority of Saddam Hussein's former Baath Party leadership.

Shiite officials and clerics blamed the Najaf and Karbala bombings — the worst carnage in Iraq since July — on Sunni insurgents wanting to ignite a sectarian war. The strikes appeared designed to cause massive casualties and eventual reprisals by the Shiites against Sunnis.

"We always have said that we are going to fight and defeat terrorism," Allawi said. "We are going to win definitely and the political process would continue in

raq. Najaf's police chief said that

among the 50 people detained were those with links to Syria and

"The police arrested some elements who confessed that they have links with the Syrian intelligence ... and a person who confessed he had links with Iranian intelligence since 1995," al-Jazzari said.

The deadly strikes on Sunday
— against a funeral procession in
Najaf and at a packed bus station
in Karbala — once again highlighted the capability of the guer-

They also have undermined confidence in repeated claims by U.S. military commanders that their successful campaign last month to retake the town of Fallujah had dealt a serious blow to the rebellion.

In New York, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan strongly condemned Sunday's violence and called on Iraqis "to come together in a spirit of national reconciliation," U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said.

Associated Press Writers Dusan Stojanovic in Baghdad, Gassid Jabbar in Karbala and Abdul Hussein al-Obeldi in Najaf contributed to this report.





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Onlookers gaze at destroyed buildings in Najaf, Iraq, on Monday, a day after a car bomb blast killed 67 people and wounded 142.



The Iraqi Special Tribunal released this image of Ali Hassan al-Majid, known as Chemical Ali, arriving for his preliminary investigative hearing at an undisclosed courtroom in Baghdad on Saturday.

Confusion, criticism mark start of hearings for Hussein's aides

BY MARIAM FAM

BAGHDAD — Human rights hush-hush legal proceedings against Saddam Hussein's ousted regime and the secrecy leading up to the investigative hearings that began leat least week threaten to undermine the legitimacy of the trial process.

First, they complain, interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi surprised many by announcing the trials of several of Saddam's former regime members would begin sooner than had been expected, although no date was ever set.

Then, a judge made similarly unexpected news — amnouncing without notice Saturday that two high-profile defendants had al-ready been interrogated. Ali Hassan al-Majid, better known as Chemical Ali for his role in poison gas attacks against the Kurdish minority, and former Defense Ahmad appeared on that day at a preliminary hearing by investigative Judge Raad al-Julyi;

Under Iraqi law the investigative hearings are the first step toward a trial. But the timing of the court appearances — just ahead of Jan. 30 general elections — has prompted accusations the legal procedings were being expedited to boost Allawi's political stand-

There is no transparency and everything is mysterious," complained Badee Izzat Aref, lawyer of former deputy prime minister Tariq Aziz, one of Saddam's top lieutenants who has been jailed for over a year.

"They (the judges) are under pressure from the executive au-

thority because of the elections."
Al-Juhyi provided few details
about the investigative hearings,
but said defense lawyers were
present with their two clients.
The exact date of the hearings
wasn't previously announced and
no press was invited. Footage of
the proceedings was later re-

leased.
Judges and officials have not given a date for the start of the criminal trials or released any information on whether Saddam's aides will be tried individually or jointly.

The process has been criticized by foreign trial monitors.

"If the whole judicial process is going to have credibility and legitimacy, the government needs to be much more forthcoming with information about the rights that the accused are being given," Richard Dicker, director of the International Justice Program at the New York-based Human Rights Watch, said before Satur-

day's hearings.

It wasn't even clear what kind of access defense lawyers had been given to their clients, he noted.

Allawi's brief announcement Tuesday that the judicial proceedings would start in a matter of days left many questions unanswered, including whether Saddam himself was going to be among those to appear in court.

"So far, we know nothing about the trials. No one knows how they took the decision or who took the decision" to start the process now, said Mahmoud Othman, a prominent Kurdish politician.

"Suddenly they break the news and provide no explanation. People won't take it seriously." Bahar Ahmed, a Kurd who lost

her father and about 50 relatives in 1988 chemical attacks in the Kurdish town of Halabja, said the victims deserved more information.

"I'd like to know what happens in these closed hearings so that I could satisfy my need for revenge," she said.



Processing damage claims a work in progress

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO Stars and Stripes

RADWANIYAH, Iraq - In a pair of cramped concrete buildings straddling the walls of Camp Victory, the U.S. military is trying to make things right

Each Saturday, a handful of soldiers staff a regional government office, paying out claims for damage mistakenly done to Iraqi lives and property

On an average weekend, the Government Information Center in Radwaniyah collects about 30 claims. U.S. military lawyers approve about half of those, with payouts ranging from a few hundred dollars to upward of \$15,000.

The process can take weeks or months and claims filed when one U.S. unit was operating in a certain area are sometimes passed on to the next to arrive. The process is repeated at a dozen other centers across

"I cannot make any promises as to whether your claim will be approved, but I will guarantee you that all of the facts get to the judge," Staff Sgt. Jared Robinson, of the 256th Brigade Combat Team, tells one man, whose claim for damaged property had been pending for months

Robinson, 25, of Jennings, La., is literally the bag man. If a claim is approved, identities are confirmed and the paperwork is in order, Robinson reaches into a desert camouflage Army rucksack, then counts out the appropriate amount in crisp greenbacks

"They always want new bills: in large de-nominations," he joked during a break from the process. Robinson, a Guardsman



Staff Sgt. Darryl Carter looks on as Staff Sgt. Jared Robinson of the 256th Brigade Combat Team hands cash over to an Iraqi citizen for property damage caused by the U.S. military.

like the rest of the 256th, was finishing his second year of law school when the brigade was called to active duty.

Inside, Spc. Monty Johnson, 21, of Carencro, La., processes the claims.

He has each recipient read and sign paperwork releasing the military from any future claims. Johnson was a nursing student at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette before the call-up.

Most times, the short meetings end with a handshake and profuse thanks. But the process is not without its contradictions

In one case, a 256th Brigade tank ran over an Iraqi man and his taxi

The man lost his leg and his livelihood The military approved his claim, awarding him \$10,000

In another case, U.S. soldiers mistakenly killed three male members of an Iraqi fami-

ly near Fallujah. The military awarded that family \$9,700.

"At first, many local people didn't trust said the Iraqi translator running the center who identified himself only as Salla-

"They think it's a center to collect information from people. But after the first com-

pensation was paid, they see For the soldiers, the claims process is a work in progress.

"Some of the people are still a little skeptical," said Staff Sgt. Darryl Carter, of Plain Dealing, La. "When their claims are denied, they're disappointed, but I've never seen anyone really upset.

"The quicker we get the claim processed

and adjudicated, we're better off."

As Saturday's claims session drew to a close, around 10 claims had been paid. But Carter announced he had one more.

"This is the surprise I had for you," he told Salladin.

Carter handed over a file containing a case that had languished since June. young girl was hit in the face with bullet fragments, damaging both her eyes. She was taken to a U.S. military hospital in Ger-many, but doctors couldn't do much for her. She lost one eye, and is blind in the other.

Her father had tried to balance his work and caring for her, but couldn't afford the medication to keep down inflammation in the remaining eye. Carter had resubmitted the claim, which was originally denied. The father received \$3,000

"Until now, if you asked me, I would not believe it." Salladin said. "But here it is." E-mail Joseph Giordono at: giordonoj@pstripes.osd.mil

Allawi distances self from comments on Iran, Syria

BAGHDAD - Iraq's interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi distanced himself Monday from his defense minister's comments in which he accused Iran and Syria of supporting insurgents in Iraq, saving this did not represent the government's position.

Iraqi Defense Minister Hazem Shaalan said Wednesday that Iranian and Syrian intelligence agents, together with former operatives from Saddam Hussein's security forces, were cooperating with the al-Oaida group in Iraq

led by Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi

Both Iran and Syria have denied the accusations saying they want to see a stable Iraq. Asked to comment

Shaalan's statement, Allawi told reporters: "I have no comments. The minister of defense was talking from his own perspective, [it does] not represent the government attitude

He declined to elaborate. In July, Shaalan said Iran is Iraq's "first enemy" for allegedly

supporting the insurgency against the U.S.-installed government.

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Elite Polish soldiers return from Iraq

WARSAW, Poland - Soldiers from an elite Polish commando unit have returned home from Iraq, where they took part in operations to capture collaborators with Saddam Hussein's regime and insurgents, the Polish military said Monday.

GROM — a unit similar to the U.S. counterterrorism unit Delta

Force or the British Army's elite Special Air Service — worked closely with U.S. troops in Iraq after being deployed there during last year's

Iran leader criticizes U.S. role in Iraq TEHRAN Iran - Iran's supreme leader on Monday accused Ameri-

ca and Britain of planning to hold sham elections in Iraq next month in order to keep control of the country's resources.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei also blamed the United States and Israel for

the recent series of explosions in Iraq that have killed scores of civil-

"I am sure that the hands of the U.S. and Israeli espionage networks are behind recent events," Khamenei told government officials, according to Iranian state television.

Iran welcomed the toppling of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, whom it blames for the 1980-88 war with Iraq, but it opposes the presence of the U.S.-led multinational force in Iraq.



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Pilots fly into action when troops need help

BY BRADLEY GRAHAM

The Washington Post

AL UDEID AIR BASE, Qatar — A giant video screen, hung inside a warehouse here that has been transformed by the U.S. Air Force into a state-of-the-art operations center, provides a window on the military action that still occupies the skies over

One day earlier this month, the radar signatures of a half-dozen U.S. fighter jets could be seen over Mosul, Fallujah and Babil province south of Baghdad, their locations reflecting the best guesses of military commanders about where trouble might flare.

The morning and early afternoon passed without incident, but the quiet was suddenly broken at 3:14 p.m., when soldiers in Mosul reported taking small arms fire.

avosui reported taking simai artis itre. Nothing gets higher priority for military planes involved in the Iraq mission than troops under attack. Within seconds of the alert, a yellow box with "TIC" — for Troops in Contact — popped up on the video may. The laway fighter jets that they are the standard of the standard

Such action and reaction have become the norm for the air war, a part of the conflict in Iraq that is largely overshadowed by the grittier, often bloodier efforts of forces on the ground to battle an elusive and determined insurgency.

In contrast to the opening days of the invasion of Iraq 21 months ago, when U.S. warplanes struck a series of planned targets in a display that some in the Pentagon dubbed "shock and awe," the air campaign

has become more ad hoc and less showy.

Pilots now take their cues for missions not from Air Force strategists but from Army and Marine commanders who daily submit requests for where they think air-craft can help most in support of ground operations. Instead of taking to the air with a clear idea of what they will strike and when, pilots now largely wait for something to happen — an attack out US. forces, for instance, or the discovery of militants enconced somewhere — and then fy into

With the exception of large offensive ground operations, such as last month's assault on Fallujah, days can pass without a bomb being dropped. This has led to using U.S. combat aircraft in nontraditional

Fighters, for instance, now often are employed as surveillance and reconnaissance platforms. Using video and infrared cameras on their airframes, they cruise oil pipe-lines and power plants, scouting for evidence of attack damage or suspicious activity.

When an opportunity for an airstrike presents itself, the weapon of choice may be nontraditional, particularly if the desire is for a relatively small missile and a quick attack. Predator drones are a case in point. Built originally as spying platforms to linger high above targets, they're being used occasionally as shooters in Iraq, firing Hellfire missiles.

More than 500 U.S. and other coalition aircraft remain on duty in Central Command's area of responsibility, which covers Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa. More than a fourth of these are jet fighters: Air Force F-15s, F-16s and A-10s; Navy F-14s and F/A-18s; Marine AV-8s and F/A-18s; and British GR-8s and GF-8s.

At night, these strike aircraft are joined by slower-moving but particularly lethal AC-130 gunships. Operated by Special Operations forces, these propeller-driven planes can pour withering fire from any of

three weapons that poke from their left side: a 25mm Gatling gun, a 40mm cannon or a 105mm howitzer.

An additional 55 or so aircraft are for gathering intelligence.

These include a Global Hawk drone and a small fleet of Predators, as well as high-flying U-2s, signals-scanning RC-135s and ground-spying E-8Cs. Rounding out the air forces are dozens of service planes, including KC-135 fuel tankers and C-130 transport aircraft.

At any given time, the skies over Iraq contain, in the works of one senior officer here, "a cocktail of weapons" — from 2,000-pound bombs to 100-pound Hellfire missiles — waiting to be let loose should the need arise. The biggest recent advance came in September, officers said, with the debut of a satellite-guided, 500-pound bomb designated the GBU-300.

The new munition, smaller than older 1,000-pound and 2,000-pound models, can still do serious damage to a building but with less risk of collateral harm to neighboring structures, officers said. Guided by Global Positioning System satellites, the bomb also can operate through cloud cover, unlike a laser-directed version, the GBI-12

Nonprofit builds, renovates homes for disabled soldiers

The Associated Press

MIDDLEBORO, Mass. — A nonprofit organization has emerged to ease the return of disabled U.S. soldiers from Iraq by constructing houses adapted to their special needs

Former National Guard Sgt. Peter Damon, who lost his arms in an accident when he was working on a military helicopter, is grateful he will be the first to own such a home built by the group Homes For Our Troops.

"I can imagine what it will look like," Damon said as he addressed about 100 people at a groundbreaking ceremony Sunday in Middleboro, about 35 miles south of Boston. "It will be awesome." Homes For Our Troops is the

Homes For Our Troops is the brainchild of Wareham's John Gonsalves, a construction supervisor with 20 years' experience.

The Plymouth-based organization founded in February has raised \$450,000 in donations, including some from Japan, Canada, France, England and New Zealand, Gonsalves said. Homes For Our Troops is working with four disabled servicemembers, including one in California who

wants to adapt his existing home.
"We can do this for a lot of families as long as people support us,"
Gonsalves said.

Damon's home is expected to be ready sometime in March. The 32-year-old will live there with his wife, Jennifer, 28; and two children, Allura, 7, and Daniel, 2.

To help accommodate Damon's special needs, the three-bedroom, 2000-square-foot ranch-style home will feature keyless entry, lower cabinets, bigger switches and wider hallways, The Standard-Times of New Bedford reported.

Gonsalves said the hope is that the Damons' mortgage on "their little piece of the American dream" will be completely paid

The groundbreaking came one day shy of the couple's first anni-

versary and featured a flyove a Black Hawk helicopter.

"The generosity of Americans has made this happen," Damon

Damon was an electrician before he lost his arms changing a tire on a Black Hawk helicopter while assigned to the 126th Aviation Battalion.

He said the house will give his family the stability and security of knowing they have a roof over their heads as he learns a new profession. He said he has always worked with his hands, and now

must learn to work with his mind.
Damon lost his left arm below
the elbow and his right arm above
the elbow. He has a prosthesis on
his left hand. He recuperated at
Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., until his
discharge earlier this year.

He is unsure of his future plans, but said he and his wife want to go to college at some point.

"I never imagined the support when I got back," he said.

No torch of freedom here



IOE GIORDONO/Stars and Stripe

Soldiers approach Saddam Hussein's famed Hands of Victory monument in Baghdach. The monument has two sets of crossed swords marking the entrance and exit to a massive military parade ground. The arches were built to celebrate "victory" over Iran. According to Globalscurity.org, the metal used to make the swords came from metted-down transplay exappers from the Iran-Iraq war. As the metal used to make the swords came from at the base of each sword are Iranian, collected on battlefields; the hands are replicas of Saddam's.

Guardsman graduates via satellite

ST. LOUIS — Spc. Keith Lucas is a National Guardsman on duty in Iraq, where his job is clearing bombs from roads, but that didn't stop him from taking part in his college graduation.

Lucas, 26, participated Saturday in the commencement ceremony at the University of Missouri-St. Louis with the help of a satellite hookup.

Lucas, whose degree is in mass communications, was given a minute-long ovation. His parents, fiance and other relatives were invited to the stage.

Lucas, also a trauma specialist for the Missouri Guard's Company A, 1140th Engineer Battalion earned a 3.8 grade-point average. He finished his final course, Business Writing, over the Internet.

Lucas' family accepted the diploma on his behalf.

Two GIs killed in Kuwait accident

KUWAIT CITY — Two U.S. soldiers were killed and two injured in a traffic accident outside Kuwait

City on Sunday, the U.S. military said in a statement. The statement said the "hit-and-run" accident happened in the morning, and the injured soldiers were admitted to a civilian hospital. A Kuwatii security official said the driver of the vehicle that hit the

soldiers later surrendered to police.

The names of the soldiers were withheld pending notification of next of kin, the statement said.

The U.S. military and Kuwaiti authorities were investigating.

On Wednesday, the U.S. Embassy warned Americans here about the possibility of terrorist attacks.

rom wire reports

Bush criticizes Iraqi troops, defends Rumsfeld

By JENNIFER LOVEN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush pointedly acknowledged Monday that U.S.-trained Iraqi troops are not ready to take over

their country's security, and cau-

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tioned that next month's elections there are only the beginning of a long process toward democracy.

"I certainly don't expect the process to be trouble-free," Bush said at a year-end news conference in which he signaled tough spending cuts to come and declined to offer specific solutions to Social Security's solvency.

Bush also gave a fresh vote of confidence to embattled Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld. "He's doing a very fine job," the president said.

The 55-minute session, the 17th solo news conference of his presidency, was part of Bush's effort to seize the momentum from his re-election victory and push several ambitious domestic and foreign policy priorities in his second term

On Iraq, where a bloody insurgency continues unabated, Bush urged the American people to remain patient well beyond the Jan. 30 elections to give Iraqis time to craft a constitution and strengthen their security forces.

Bush said "I would call the results mixed" on a U.S. effort to put Iraqi security in the hands of its own people. He said U.S. offi-



President Bush answers questions Monday during a news conference on the White House compound in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington.

cials in charge of the effort will "spend a lot of time and effort" on fixing the problem by improving the Iraqi command structure.

Essential to the American strategy for withdrawing its troops from Iraq is the effort to train Iragi forces for security and combat. But doubts have been raised from several quarters about the effectiveness of the effort and the reliability of Iraqi security forces.

On domestic issues, Bush said he will submit a federal budget that will cut the deficit in half in five years in part by asking for strict spending discipline. His fiscal 2006 budget is due to Congress in February.

"We will submit a budget that fits the times. It will provide every tool and resource to the military, will protect the homeland, and meet other priorities of the government," he said.

As for Rumsfeld, a growing number of lawmakers, including Republicans, have voiced no confidence in the defense secretary

But Bush defended his Penta-

"Beneath that rough and gruff no-nonsense demeanor is a good human being who cares deeply about the military and the grief that war causes." Bush said, batting away criticism that Rumsfeld had not personally signed condolence letters to the families of troops who have died.

Bush defended his close but complex" ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin, with whom he has had disagreements over the war on terror and, more recently, over the disputed elections in Ukraine. U.S. and Russian officials said Monday that Bush and Putin would meet in Slovakia on Feb. 24 as part of an ef-fort to improve U.S. relations with European nations.

Bush didn't tip his hand about who might be nominated to be the new national intelligence director a post created by the largest overhaul of U.S. intellience-gathering in a half-century that Bush signed into law last week.

ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day Eliminating 'latte factor'

CBS MarketWatch

to saving money, you've probably heard about the necessity of finding your "latte factor."

The meaning of this now common term is simple — everyone has some daily expense that adds up to hundreds of dollars a year. It could be a \$3 gourmet latte coffee drink, a \$10 takeout lunch or a \$5 pack of cigarettes.

Eliminating your latte factor is a priority no matter when you start saving for retirement, ex-plains author David Bach in his new book, "Start Late, Finish Rich." But if you're starting later in life, you need to double the savings from cutting your latte factors.

First, look at your daily expenses. Do you often buy your morn-

ing coffee or breakfast on the way to work? Instead of spending money on breakfast or lunch out, set your alarm a few minutes ear-lier to pack a lunch and have breakfast at home. Take advan-tage of your office's coffee machine. If you smoke cigarettes, this is the perfect excuse to quit.

Then, examine your weekly, monthly and annual latte factors. Look for luxuries and unnecessary expenses. Consider how much you spend on premi-um cable channels, cell phones, weekly manicures, cab rides, expensive dinners out, entertainment, gym memberships, design-er clothes and vacations. If you can't completely elimi-

nate the expense, aim to cut it in half, Bach advises. The key is to monitor your spending. Decide what is necessary for you and cut the rest out

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Victim's computer led to suspect's arrest

Baby girl cut from mom's womb reported in 'remarkably good' condition

BY MATT SEDENSKY The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - In the end, it wasn't a fingerprint or a blood spatter th led authorities to the woman suspected of strangling a mother-to-be and cutting the baby from her womb.

It was an 11-digit computer code.

Police zeroed in on Lisa Montgomery in the most 21st century of ways, by trolling computer records, examining online message boards and — most important — trac-ing an IP address, 65.150,168,223, to a com-

puter at her Melvern, Kan., home.
"That in and of itself led us to the
home," Jeff Lanza, an FBI spokesman here said of the IP, or Internet protocol, address, the unique number given to every Internet-connected computer.

Investigators say that just before the slaving. Montgomery had corresponded over the Internet with the victim, Bobbie Jo Stinnett, about buying a dog from Stin-nett. The same technology that makes instantaneous communication possible enabled authorities to crack the case in a mat-ter of hours and rescue the premature

baby.
Montgomery, 36, court appearance Monday at the federal courthouse in Kansas City. She is charged with kidnapping re-sulting in death. Authorities said she con-

fessed to the crime. The 4-day-old girl was reported in "re-markably good" con-dition Monday.

Within hours of Stinnett's killing Thursday at her Skidmore, Mo., home, investiga-tors realized the potential information her computer could hold in finding her killer. Stinnett. 23. raised rat terrier dogs at home and had been expecting a potential customer the afternoon she was killed. In fact, she had to get off the phone with her mother because the custo

door, according to investigators. When Stinnett's body was discovered, detectives collected not just physical evidence: they also took her computer.

In addition to trying to find the killer, investigators were racing against time to find the baby, who was one month premature when she was cut from her mother's belly and, it was feared, may have suffered oxygen loss or other trauma when her er was strangled.

At the lab, clues seemed to pour out of the computer within minutes nett had been e-mailing, what sites she d been visiting. Important tips from the public came in, too. Among them: a North Carolina dog breeder pointed to communications on a rat terrier message board.

It turned out that at 4:22 n m, on Wednes day, the day before Stinnett's slaying, someone identifying herself as Darlene Fischer posted a message to the victim on

a rat terrier message board. "Please get in touch with me soon as we are considering the purchase of one of your puppies," it said. cated with Fischer for about 20 minutes, investigators said. Then, at 7:44 p.m., Stinnett posted a message to Fischer: e-mailed you with the directions so we can meet. I do so hope that the e-mail reaches you. Great chatting with you on messenger. And do look forward to chatting with you tomorrow a.m.

Investigators traced Fischer's IP address back to a dial-up connection from the Melvern home of Montgomery and her husband. He has not been charged with

any wrongdoing. On Friday, less than 24 hours after the slaying, investigators pulled up to the cou-ple's home in Kansas, found the baby and arrested Montgomery

As for how the killer knew Stinnett was out to become a mother, Stinnett had a Web site about her dogs that investigators said may have included a picture of Stinnett pregnant. The FBI would not comment on whether the pair had ever met before last week, or how the killer knew Stinnett was still pregnant.

Freezing winds blow over East Coast

Freezing temperatures northern Florida on Monday morning and snow made mountain highways treacherous in the Appalachians as the first big cold wave of the season swept south-

Even North Carolina's Outer Banks got a rare seaside dusting of snow, and more than 2 feet fell near the Great Lakes

The blast of Arctic air - one day before the official start of winter - drove temperatures in the Florida Panhandle down to 31 degrees at Crestview, 32 at Pensaco-

Greensboro, N.C., posted a record low for Dec. 20 at 9, and Crossville, Tenn., dropped to 6. Farther north, it was 18 below zero at 9 a.m. at Massena, N.Y., with a wind chill of 28 below, the National Weather Service said.

capacity in Atlanta - where the temperature dropped to 16 — and were busy even in the suburbs where the homeless population is not as high.

As much as 4 inches of snow coated mountain roads in West Virginia, where 21 school districts closed for the day and others opened late.

An autistic 9-year-old boy was missing in the woods near South Williamsport, Pa., where tempera-tures fell into the single digits during the night. Officials appealed to residents to search their prop erty Monday for Logan Mitcheltree, who was last seen Saturday.

Icy pavement was blamed for at least two traffic deaths in New

The icy wind sucked up mois ture from the Great Lakes and dumped 26 inches of snow on Michigan City in northern Indi-



Chris Kubik, 23, of Nags Head, N.C., photographs the snowy oceanfront as a storm system moved off the coast of the Outer Banks, leaving a dusting of snow across northeastern North Carolina Monday.

Jackson's attornevs seek delay

The Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Cali. — Michael Jackson's went to court Monday to seek a went to court Monday to seek a six-week delay in his child mo-lestation trial, saying they need the extra time to sort through 14,000 pages of evi-dence filed by prosecutors

over the past two months. Prosecutors had been pected to argue Monday that they should be allowed to present at Jackson's trial evidence of wrongdoing in the pop star's past. But according to a court calendar released Monday, that motion won't be

rought up until next month. In another motion made pub lic last week, Jackson's attor-neys asked that the trial, scheduled to begin Jan. 31, be delayed until mid-March. That motion is to be argued at Monday's hearing.

Jackson, 46, is charged with

molesting a boy, conspiracy and administering an intoxicat-ing agent, alcohol, to his alleged victim. The entertainer who on Friday personally greeted a group of children touring his Neverland Ranch before the Christmas holidays was not required to attend this week's hearings.
 They also asked that the charges against Jackson be dis-

missed on grounds of "vindictive prosecution and outrageous government conduct, pointing to the execution of more than 100 search warrants including this month's unusual raid on Jackson's es-tate near Los Olivos. Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville previously rejected a similar defense effort that sought re-moval of District Attorney

Hearings on pretrial mo-tions were scheduled for Tues-day and Wednesday as well.

Tom Sneddon

Jackpot winner's granddaughter found dead



Jack Whittaker, his wife Jewel, right, and their granddaughter Brandi Bragg, 15, left, pose for a photograph after being interviewed on NBC's "Today" show in New York on Dec. 27, 2002. Brandi was found dead Monday, two weeks after she disappeared.

BY APRIL VITELLO The Associated Press

SCOTT DEPOT, W.Va. - The 17-year-old granddaughter of Jack Whittaker, winner of the na-tion's biggest undivided lottery jackpot, was found dead Monday along a country road, more than two weeks after she disappeared.

The cause of death was under investigation. Authorities said there were no obvious signs of violence. An autopsy was planned

Brandi Bragg's body was identified by tattoos on her neck, said State Police Sgt. Jav Powers. "The troopers had talked to her in the past and knew her," Powers

The body was found in a grassy area about 50 feet off a road near Scott Depot. Brandi, who lived in the nearby town of Hurricane,

was last seen alive on Dec. 4 at

the home of a friend on that same road Whittaker, a contractor who on Christmas Eve 2002 won a \$314.9

million jackpot, reported her missing five days later.

Whittaker has had several brushes with the law since he won the prize. Earlier this month, a magistrate ordered him to go into rehab and surrender his driv-

er's license after his second drunken driving arrest this year. He has also been accused in two lawsuits of assaulting female

employees of a racetrack. And his vehicle, business and home have been broken into.

In September, an 18-year-old friend of his granddaughter was found dead at Whittaker's home. That death remains under investi-gation. Whittaker was out of town

Low-carb diets done feeding off frenzy?

Businesses hit hard as interest wanes

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Bob Goldin

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - About a year ago, Dave Champlin and his roommates lived in what their friends at the University of Missouri called the House of Fat.

At a combined weight of 890 pounds, the three decided to try the Atkins diet. By sticking to the low-carb, high-protein diet, Champlin lost about 45 pounds and his two room mates each lost between 50 pounds and 60 pounds. Despite being pleased with the results, all three were off the

diet by this past summer and have gained back some of the weight.

"Eating the same thing over and over — it was mo notonous," Champlin said.

from the Champlin, 23, and his beginning, a friends exemplify why many diet and food induscraze that was try experts are declaring never a craze. the low-carb diet craze over It was a little A study by NPD Group,

an independent marketing information company, found that the percentage of American adults on any low-carb diet this year peaked at 9.1 percent in February and dropped to 4.9 percent by early last month. Further, it said only 1 of 4 people surveyed was significantly cutting carbs and "virtually none were reducing carbs as much as the diets recommended. That means many firms that rode the low-carb wave are either out of business or refocusing their strategies.

One example: MGP Ingredients Inc. of

Atchison, Kan, which profited from the low-carb trend announced it was cutting its fiscal 2005 per-share earnings forecast by more than half earlier this month - from \$1.08 to no more than 50 cents

The reason is reduced demand for its specialty proteins and starches used to reduce carbohydrates in foods. MGP said low-carb demand had peaked, and it did not expect it to return to anywhere near the level that sparked a 123 percent increase in sales in the third quarter of fiscal 2004.

mand to cool, but it happened quicker than

anticipated, spokesman Steve Pickman said. "We expected at least to continue at its strong level for the next 18 to 36 months. Pickman said. "We by no means feel low-carb is dead, but it's declined to a much lower plateau than we ... expected."

While MGP's future is not threatened. many smaller businesses based on low-carb products have closed their doors, and larger firms that introduced low-carb foods are changing strategies. American Italian Pasta,

the nation's largest producer of dry pasta, reported a net loss of \$12.2 million — or 67 cents per share - in the second quarter of this year. The company's reduced-carb pasta was a flop, with sales 50 percent lower than expected. Chief Executive Tim Webster said the company planned to begin marketing it as a low-calorie, high-fiber prod-

No one expects low-carb products to disappear. AC-Nielsen LabelTrends reported that sales of products labeled for low-carb lifestyles were still growing but had slowed. Sales, in terms of dollars, rose 6.1 percent for the 13 weeks ending Sept. 25, compared to the previous quarter. That compared with a 105.5 percent increase in the 13 weeks that ended March 27

Executive vice president That decline is not surpris-Technomic Inc. ing, even at Atkins Nutritionals Inc., a company founded 30 years ago by Dr. Robert C. Atkins to

spread the low-carb gospel. Colette Heimowitz, vice president of education and research, said the market became saturated with low-carb products because companies joined the "diet wars" in 2004. She said many companies are expected to withdraw from the market because of the intense competition for dieters

Heimowitz said people have been calling the Atkins diet a fad for 30 years. "It has already stood the test of time," she said.

"There is no indication that it's going any-

She predicted people will continue to in-



David Champlin eats nachos earlier this month at the University of Missouri in Columbia. By adhering to the Atkins diet for a year, Champlin lost about 45 pounds. But he went off the diet over the summer and gained back some of the weight.

corporate it into their lifestyle.

That's true for Champlin, who said he will continue to buy some low-carb products.

"It did teach me to watch what I eat and drink," he said. "I'm not going to go back to how I ate before '

Others say the decline in low-carb popularity was entirely predictable, much like past crazes such as low-fat or liquid diets.

'It was overhyped from the beginning, a craze that was never a craze," said Bob Goldin executive vice president of Technomic Inc., a food industry research firm. "It was a little bubble that had zero staving power. We've been there, done that, many, many

Goldin said companies suffering because they got on the low-carb bandwagon have only themselves to blame.

"Everyone's always looking for the silver

bullet, a magic diet or a magic pill," he said. "The whole industry needs to look at nutrition from a holistic standpoint. A lot of things go into healthy living, and they shouldn't look for one thing to make their fame and fortune.

Report: Most poor unable to afford housing prices

BY GENARO C. ARMAS

The Associated Press WASHINGTON - Most Americans who

rely on just a full-time job earning the federal minimum wage cannot afford the rent and utilities on a one- or two-bedroom apartment, an advocacy group on low-income housing reported Monday.

For a two-bedroom rental alone, the typical worker must earn at least \$15.37 an hour - nearly three times the federal minimum wage, the National Low Income Housing Coalition said in its annual "Out of Reach" report.

That figure assumes that a family spends no more than 30 percent of its gross income on rent and utilities — anything more is generally considered unaffordable by the government

Yet many poor Americans are paying more than they can afford because wage in-creases haven't kept up with increases in rent and utilities, said Danilo Pelletiere, the coalition's research director

The median hourly wage in the United States is about \$14 and more than one-quarter of the population earns less than \$10 an hour, the report said.

"A lot of people continue to be squeezed out," said Judy Levey, executive director of the Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky, "Housing here is relatively inexpensive, but because the wages are so low people can't afford housing," The report quoted federal Bureau of Labor Statistics data that showed hourly wages rising about 2.6 percent over the past year, slower than the 2.9 percent rise in rents recorded in the Consumer Price Index.

In addition, Pelletiere said, government spending on Section 8 rental youchers. which helps 2 million Americans pay rent - mainly poor - hasn't kept up with demand.

The study analyzed data from the Cen sus Bureau and the Housing and Urban De-velopment Department to derive the hourly wage figures.

In only four of the nation's 3,066 counties could a full-time worker making the federal minimum wage afford a typical one-bedroom apartment, the coalition said. Three were in Illinois: Lawrence, Crawford and Wayne counties; the other was Washington

California topped all states in the hourly wage needed to afford a two-bedroom apartment, at \$21.24, followed by Massa-chusetts, New Jersey, Maryland and New

States with more residents in rural areas were generally the most affordable, although no state's housing wage was lower than the federal minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour, which has not changed since 1997

West Virginia was the lowest at \$9.31 an hour for a two-bedroom rental, followed by North Dakota, Arkansas, Mississippi and

Pelletiere said the coalition's data for 2004 could not be compared with previous years because of changes in the way that HUD calculated "Fair Market Rents," which is the cost of rent and most utilities for a typical apartment. The fair rent varies widely by metropolitan area.

Overall, though, utility costs appear to

be rising at a faster rate than rents, Pelletiere said. Add in stagnant wages and the housing situation for the nation's poor "has gotten worse over the last year," he said.

Youth-seekers turn to facial acupuncture

BY MICHAEL HILL The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. - Paula Scardamalia has pins in her face — nine tiny ones angling out near her eyes, mouth and jaw.

The pins were poked in to tighten chin skin and erase lines on the 52-year-old woman's face. The practice, called facial acupuncture, is becoming popular as a sort of holistic alternative to trying to turn back time through toxins or surgery

"This has got to be healthier than Botox or a surgical facelift," said Scardamalia, the little needles wagging slightly

Interest in facial acupuncture might be connected to the rising popularity of alternative medicine, or to society's obsession with youth and beauty, or to the mass of aging baby boomers. Whatever the reas acupuncturists report a wave of interest in

the ancient Chinese practice. "It's very hot," said Mary Elizabeth Wakefield, a New York City practitioner whose facial work now consumes about

three-quarters of her practice. Acupuncturists typically stimulate selected points on the body with hair-thin pins to promote good health and alleviate pain. They view it as correcting energy imbalances along the body's "meridians, which carry an energy flow called Qi (pronounced "chee") - a concept many mainstream physicians say lacks scientific evi-

In facial acupuncture, needles are usually stuck in wrinkles and sags to bring more blood. Oi and muscle tone to an area. The theory, in a nutshell, is that a healthy face is a better-looking face



Marion Bergan inserts a needle in the face of Paula Scardamalia on Friday as Scardamalia gets a facial acupuncture treatment in Albany, N.Y. Acupuncturists are reporting a wave of patients looking for a younger face through the ancient practice.

"As you might imagine, facial acupuncture for, shall we say, cosmetic purposes, was not one of the core issues in ancient Chinese medicine," said Michael McCoy, executive director of the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Alliance. "It just turns out to be an interesting application that fits a lot of cultural values of the present.'

Some practitioners advertise the process as an "acupuncture facelift," though more tradition-minded practitioners blanch at the term. Wakefield says that's an improper label for what amounts to an organic healing process.

Marion Bergan, the licensed acupuncturist who treated Scardamalia for a demonstration, offers "facial rejuvenation acupuncture" in addition to her medical acupuncture. The 90-minute procedure includes an herbal face mask, a massage and a mild electrical stimulation. But the underpinning, so to speak, remains acupuncture.

Most of Bergan's facial customers are women in their 50s and 60s. But Wakefield said her practice gets a fair share of men.

"They realize in order to keep their jobs

and to get jobs, they need to look younger, Wakefield said.

Patients who get over any aversion to having needles stuck in their face find out it doesn't hurt, at least not much.

Bergan stuck eight needles in my face and neck with little discomfort. A needle was jabbed into the furrow between my eyes. No pain. Then laugh lines. No pain. Then my cheeks. OK, felt those

But the needles were thin and the jabs shallow.

The needles were out within a half-hour, leaving no trace of pinprick wounds. Facial lines, such as they are for someone in his late 30s, were still there after a single treat-

While millions of Americans have had acupuncture treatments, the practice has never been fully embraced by the American medical establishment.

The American Medical Association has no position on it. The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, part of the National Institutes of Health, cites on its Web site research that found evidence acupuncture is useful for managing pain, depression and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Proponents cite an 8-year-old study in the International Journal of Clinical Acu-puncture that found a 90 percent success rate for facial acupuncture

Still, some medical professionals are dubious. Stephen Barrett, a retired psychiatrist who runs the Ouackwatch Web site. compares faith in Qi and meridians to believing in ghosts.

"I can't think of any anatomical reason why needles in the face would affect wrin-kles," he said.



Poll: Half of Americans fret about debt

Many concerned ing credit cards is the total approach. "Twe seen people get in trouble. "Twe seen people get in trouble. "Twe seen people get in trouble. about financial woes more often

BY WILL LESTER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - During a season with shoppers racing about to wrap up holiday spending, half of Americans say they worry about their overall level of debt, an Associated Press poll found

That includes many - about two in 10 of those surveyed who say they stay worried about their debt level most or all of the

time Those debts can come from home and car loans as well as credit cards - even more so with December buying snrees Three-fourths in the poll said

they have credit cards. Most people who have credit cards say they work to keep con-trol of them, but one in six with cards say they don't trust their own spending with plastic. Young adults and those who make less than \$25,000 a year were most likely to doubt their own ability to manage credit cards

For 18-year-old Brandon Ter rok of Klamath Falls, Ore., avoid-

They ran their credit cards so high, they couldn't get approval to buy a car," Terrok said.

"I haven't gotten any vet and I'd rather not have them.

Most who have credit cards say they try to keep those card debts under control. But some still have

trouble One-fourth of credit card users say they use plastic to buy things

when they don't have the money Tanya Pierson of Brainerd, Minn., learned the dangers of credit cards the hard way. She and her family had a handful of cards with big balances.

"We're a lot more cautious since we filed for bankruptcy five years ago," said Pierson, a stay-at-home mom. "I only have one now and I use it every once in a while.

More than 1 million people file for personal bankruptcy each year, said Stephen Brobeck, executive director of the Consumer

Federation of America "My strong sense from looking at lots of data, is that the number of people with debt problems is declining, but the number with severe debt problems is increas-ing," he said.

The total amount of revolving credit debt, such as that caused by credit cards, was just over

Debt stress worries half of Americans

Half of Americans worry about the debts they owe which can include home and car loans and particularly this time of year, credit cards, according to a poll.

How often do you worry about the total amount you owe of your overall debt? At least some of the time



52%

No problem Not very much stress



Over the next five years, how

much of a problem will your

NOTE: Poll of 1,000 adults taken Dec. 6-8 has a sampling error of ± 3 points SOURCE: Insos-Public Affairs for AF

\$600 billion five years ago and is almost \$800 billion now, accord-

ing to the Federal Reserve. In the survey, about 10 percent of those with credit cards said they have missed making their minimum payment during the past six months.

Economists say missing fewer credit card payments by juggling their debts and getting new credit cards.

In recent years, low interest rates have helped many people get home equity loans and pay off credit card debts. But that simply

shifts the debt around. "We live in an age of easy money and people pull out the plastic to medicate their pain, said Chris Packard a mental health therapist from Gilbert,

"I have had patients who used their credit cards to punish spouses, to appease depression or anxi-ety or to try to satisfy an out-of-control child," Packard said

Experiencing the highest levels

at their credit card spending limit, those who are unmarried and have children, those without iobs and minorities

Those with the lowest levels of stress from debt were retirees, Republicans, married people, college graduates and people be-

tween age 30 and 49.

Those groups' stress levels were measured based on their responses to a series of questions asked of 1.000 adults about debt and stress

Paul Lavrakas, a research psy chologist, developed the ques-tions in the 1990s when he was faculty director of the Ohio State University Center for Survey Re-

search. People say they experience health problems when worried about debts. Lavrakas said. "They could not concentrate at times, they were losing sleep, tak-

ing their anxiety out on others."

About four in 10 of all people questioned said their total debt is at least "somewhat stressful." Also, more than half expect their debt will cause them problems

over the next five years.

The AP-Ipsos poll of 1,000 adults was taken Dec. 6-8. It has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points, slightly larger for the 790 people with credit cards.

Trevor Tompson, Associated Press manager of news surveys, contributed to this story.



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Pre-holiday weekend a dud for stores

BY ANNE D'INNOCENZIO The Associated Press

YORK much-hoped-for sales bonanza for the nation's retailers appeared not to materialize on the last weekend before Christmas, desnite an abundance of deals on

toys and apparel. Merchants needed a hefty sales surge this past weekend to recoun lost business after seeing a slow start to a holiday selling season that never gathered steam. Now, they'll have to rely even more heavily on the final days before Christmas and post-holiday sales to meet their year-end sales

"We are not getting the kind of lift we need. Traffic and sales were below expectations" on Saturday, said Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at the Internation-

al Council of Shopping Centers. He serves as an adviser for ShopperTrak, which tallies sales results from 30,000 retail outlets.

Total sales were down 7 per-cent to \$6.7 billion on Saturday, compared with the same Saturday in 2003, according to Shopper-



Susan Debell, left, and her husband, Paul Debell, center, leave an Old Navy store in New York on Sunday. Many retailers reported lackluster sales on the final weekend before Christmas

Niemira noted that luxury stores — which have enjoyed robust sales as their well-heeled customers have benefited from the economy's recovery - had the best performance. Stores like Sears, Roebuck and Co. and J.C. Penney Co. Inc. that catered to the mid- to-low income shoppers,

who have pulled back on spend-

ing as they have been more vulnerable to higher heating costs and a volatile job market, attracted big crowds with deep discounts and expanded shopping

The Saturday before Christmas is traditionally the busiest day of the year for merchants, though last year, the day after Thanksgiving stole that crown. However, the last weekend before Christmas could be losing its luster as there are more ways to shop for a holiday item.

The increased popularity of gift cards and online spending could he helping to skew the holiday sales figures. Gift cards are only recorded as sales when they are redeemed at the stores.

Catrice Smith of New Orleans said she'll be out bargain shopping Christmas Eve just like she does every year. "That's when you get the slammin' sales,' Smith said.

But procrastinating also carries risks — not being able to get a hot item such as a PlayStation2. "You can't find one anywhere in Charlotte," said Carol Strain, who was at the local SouthPark mall on Saturday. "I've called every Best Buy and Circuit City, and they're not to be found.'

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which had stepped up discounting after a disappointing start to the holiday season, reported on Saturday an uptick in general merchandise sales the week ended Friday, noting that sales of winter merchandise improved. Company officials reached late Sunday declined to say how sales fared over the week-

end Sears reported "very good customer traffic," company spokes-

man Bill Masterson said. Frankie Pumphrey of Oak Forest, Ill., who was at the Lenox Square Mall in Atlanta, said she will spend less than a year ago on holiday gifts, as she is on disability. She was buying a few items for

her grandchildren. 'The money's just not there, and the cost of living is just so high," said Pumphrey, who was in Atlanta visiting her family.

"The bare necessities take up all your money.'

Laura Lancia of Fort Wayne. Ind., who was shopping at Circle Centre Mall in downtown Indianapolis on Friday, said that she still needed gifts for her children, but was planning to defer a big purchase — the Xbox or PlayStation2 — until January because those are items she needs to plan

"Santa can put an IOU under the tree," she said.



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TLC searching for vocal help

Rozonda "Chilli" Thomas and Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins are looking to collaborate with a new voice, but the TLC stars insist they're not trying to replace the late Lisa "Left Lopes

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"Nothing has changed. We're not replacing Lisa," Thomas said in a recent interview. "We're not looking for a



upcoming greatest hits project - a journey that will be the subject of a UPN reality show, "R U The Girl with T-Boz and Chilli." Some fans were concerned that Th-

fill the shoes of Lopes, who died in a car crash in Honduras in 2002 But the duo said then that they would never try to replace Lopes

perhaps the most dynamic member of the trio, with her colorful personality and energetic raps. Instead, they say they're simply looking for a fan to perform with them for a one-time performance and for a song on the greatest hits project

Sandler not getting too serious

Although he shows more dramatic range than usual in "Spanglish," Adam Sandler isn't running away from comedies

"I do love the movies I've done in the past," Sandler told reporters. "I work hard at my

movies. But looking back at my ca reer, when I end up having kids and I say, 'Throw in that "Spanglish," 'I know I'm going to be very proud of

In "Spanglish," Sandler plays the husband of Tea Leoni, whose Mexican housekeeper (Paz Vega) finds herself in a contest of wills with the neurotically overbearing Leoni.

Sandler has no illusions on whether his work in the comic drama is Oscar-worthy, although Jack Nicholson, Helen Hunt and Shirley Ma-



cLaine all received Academy Awards for movies directed by James L. Brooks, who also directed "Spanglish.

'Idol' had her doubts

Even though millions of people voted Fantasia Barrino as their "American Idol," the singer admits there was a time when she doubted America's fondness for her. "Towards the end, I didn't think I was gonna win, when

it was me and Diana [DeGarmo]," the 20-year-old said in a recent interview.



Some of that skepticism crept into her psyche after fellow contestants Jennifer Hudson and La Toya Lon don got the boot. Public discussion centered on whether voters would pick another black singer as their champion. Even Elton John chimed in that their low-vote tallies were rac

Any concerns about her universal appeal were squashed after she won the contest earlier this year with a 1.3 million vote edge over DeGarmo.

"Every nationality would come up to me and say 'I voted for you, I love you.' So I stopped thinking like that," she said

Opera in the classroom

Dawn Upshaw, one of opera's great voices, is holding more than a master class — she's giving a master course. Upshaw has joined the faculty at Bard College Conservatory of Music, located in New York state's Hudson Valley. As the Charles Franklin Kellog and Grace E. Ramsey Professor of the Arts and Humanities, she will be responsible for creating a program for the conservatory's vocal and vocal-dramatic programs.

"I am thrilled to have been invited to create a course of study for young singers at Bard," the soprano said in a statement. "My first experiences with new music were as an undergraduate student, and I think it is vitally important that singers and performers have the chance to cre ate works together.

The conservatory is scheduled to open next fall, and the vocal programs are set to debut in the fall of 2006

An 'Idiot' is born

Demo theft leads Green Day to alter its musical approach, spawning the acclaimed 'American Idiot'

BY MARK BROWN

Scripps Howard News Service

The praise for Green Day's punk opera, "American Idiot," has been overwhelming and a bit insulting. The tone is: Who expected such a great album from these guys? "Oh, yeah?" drummer Tre Cool says. "Well, they can just

Let's call it a draw on all sides. The critics have been somewhat dismissive of Green Day -Cool. singer-guitarist Joe Armstrong Billie and bassist Mike Dirnt since the hand brought its punk/pop sound out from the Oak land, Calif., area with the 1994 breakthrough album "Dookie."

Green Day acknowl-edges that "American Idiot" — a political look

at America that is by no means irrelevant now that the elections are over - is the most ambitious project it's ever undertaken, after falling into a bit of a lull.



Green Day members, from left, are Mike Dirnt, Billie Joe Armstrong and Tre Cool.

wasn't challenging itself. Green Day was in the studio working on the next album, which band members admit was going to be much the same as what they'd done before. "We kind of started demo-ing stuff and were putting a

bunch of songs together on tape and those songs got stolen," Cool says. No joke; the band swears that, improbably, all the tapes of all the songs it was working on disappeared from the recording studio. "It was a hectic time. We had two studios running next to each other at the same time, a

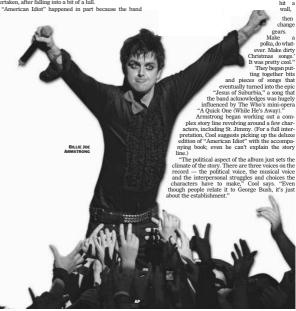
lot of people going in and out. We were pretty bummed, needless to say

That frustration, however, suddenly seemed like an opportunity. They realized the

songs they'd been working on weren't anything special. iust

turned a curve when Rillie wrote 'American Idiot,' and we just kept on that," Cool says. "We

Tre Cool threw the rules out the window. He said: 'Let's just have fun. If there's anything you wanna do, do it. If you feel like you've



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IBilliel said: 'Let's just have fun. If

there's anything you wanna do, do it,

If you feel like you've hit a wall, then

change gears. Make a polka, do

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songs.' It was pretty cool. ""

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Paddling moratorium

DALLAS — The Dal-las school board has voted to implement two-month moratorium on cornoral nunishment

That will allow administrators to come up with a proposal - which would still require board approval to ban paddling and provide alternatives to discipline students

Trustee Ron Price, who supports paddling, suggested the moratorium. It took the place of a recommendation to immediately ban paddling in the district.

"This gives our administration the opportunity to go back and study these issues ... and bring forth a legitimate plan," he said.

Man charged after crash

BURLINGTON — A Milton man who crashed a car at high speed and then wandered into a house and kissed a sleeping couple is facing a variety of charges.

Thomas Popke, 26, is hospital-ized at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington. The charges he's facing are unlawful trespass, operating without owner's consent and careless and negligent operation. He had not been drinking, police said. Popke is due in court Jan. 24.

Popke was driving at more than 100 mph, said Vermont State Police Trooper Brian Penders.

Popke lost control and crashed. The vehicle flipped at least twice. Popke banged his head, received a large gash, lost a tooth and cut his hand. Penders said.

Then Popke walked a mile to the home of Sandra and Reginald Robinson. The couple awoke when Popke greeted them as they slept, Sandra Robinson 66 said

"He kissed me on the cheek and said, 'Hi, Mom,' " she said, "Then he went around to the other side of the bed and kissed my husband and said. 'Hi. Dad.

Hearse driver not dead

MO KANSAS CITY — The dead driving the dead.

At least that's how the government seemed to have it in the case of Frank Jansky, a 75-year-old Kansas City man who drives a hearse part-time. Even as he lived and breathed, the Social Security Administration seemed to think he was no longer alive.

Jansky was traveling in England in September and October. He returned home in November to find his checking account mysteriously depleted and a letter from Medicare denying payment for diabetes treatment

John Garlinger, a spokesman for Social Security, said the mix-up came from New York, where Jansky had lived for decades before moving to Kansas City in 1990.

A funeral home or family member apparently mistakenly reported Jansky's death, Garlinger said."It was funny," Jansky said. "But it's not funny

Multicolored poinsettias

OR COBURG - Forget the red poinsettias. Now, you can deck the halls in purple, peach or even tie-dved

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theft to Christow, set up a sting, and caught him on tape trying to sell more Olympic goods

Memorabilia found

DALLAS - Authorities found a card bearing Jack Ruby's fingerprints, Bonnie and Clyde autopsy photos and other police-related memorabilia during a drug raid at an apartment.

Police said they found the memorabilia in Michael Roppolo's apartment in a raid on March 24, 2003. Roppolo was convicted of drug possession in November last year and received a five-year probationary entence

He told authorities that a relative who used to work for the department gave him the materials.

Police say items related to the assassination of John F. Kennedy appear to be authentic and apparently were taken from police archives several decades ago. They are to be included in a new police headquarters museum.

Sanctuary to close

CA PACIFIC GROVE — City Manager Ross Hubbard recommended closing a sanctuary for wintering Monarch butterflies to allow removal of dangerous trees. A New York woman was killed last month when a dead pine fell on her as she strolled through the popular tourist destination. An arborist found many risky trees in the grove. The sanctuary will reonen in Anril

Gymnastics bias lawsuit

M STEVENS POINT — A male junior at Stevens Point Area Senior High has filed a court injunction against the state's high school sports association, seeking to compete on the girls gymnastics team. Junior Keith Michael Bukowski claims he's being sexually discriminated. The school doesn't have a boys gymnastics team. More than 300 students have signed a petition backing him.

Bleach assault

head wounds.

NEWPORT - A 68-year-old woman was in critical condition at Rhode Island Hospital after her niece allegedly attacked her with bleach.

Evangeline Henry, 44, of Middletown, was charged with felony assault for the attack on the woman. The victim, who was later determined to be Henry's aunt, was bleeding profusely from several

She also was soaked in bleach. and suffered chemical burns over a large portion of her body. Woods said that the victim was intubated and unable to speak to the police. Henry was also transported to

the hospital where she was also treated and released. Henry appeared in District Court, where she posted \$2,000 surety bail.



Making rounds With his three-legged pit bull in tow, Onnie across his lawn in Kalispell, Mont.



 $Frozen\ feathers\ \ {\small \mbox{$^{$A$ trumpeter swan's breath is visible in the cold air at the Akron Zoo in Ohio. There}}$ are several animal exhibits that are open year round for patrons to view in the winter.



AMERICAN

ROUNDUP

poinsettias is offering the tradition-

al Christmas plant in multiple col-

The dve is permanent. It's a mix-

ture of ethanol and special pig-

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manages the annuals department of the Johnson Brothers Green-

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United States

Hall of Fame.

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Olympic medals stolen

FL FORT LAUDERDALE — A

stealing more than 100 Olympic

medals and other memorabilia

from the International Swimming

Paul Nichols Christow, 48, was

charged with dealing in stolen

property and grand theft over \$100,000. Police said he used his

unfettered access to swipe the med-

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Christow's alleged scheme was

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A state patrol helicopter hauls a cow off an island in southwest Georgia's Lake Blackshear. The cow became stranded on the

When cows fly...

uninhabited island when water levels dropped and is believed to have spent three to four weeks on the island.



Big givers Bob Rickmers, left, carries two bags full of toys for delivery in Jersey City, N.J.
Rickmers and his fellow employees collected more than \$1,000 worth of toys for
UBS Investment Bank's "Toys for Tots" drive.



Sitting pretty Reflected in a mirror, Professional Lindsey Centaris styles the hair of seventh-grade student Commelogy institute student Lindsey Centaris styles the hair of seventh-grade student Comie Schillinger. More than 20 students from Hoyt Middle School in Des Moines, lowa, visited the institute in Ames for haircuts and nail treatments as part of the Charity for Success program.



Learning new moves
Stephanie Lum Yee and the rest of
the advanced hula of the Ke Aloha
Dance Company class learn a new
dance in Anchorage, Alaska.



SIID Set drive A motorcyclist drives through an intersection in Adelanto, Calif., as the sun sets.

Inauguration reports

CONCORD — Governmente control of the control of the

ID cards for theft victims

OH. CLEVELAND.— The state will begin issuing identification cards for identity theft victims to show police, banks and creditors while they recover. Attorney General Jim Petro says the program will help victims recoup losses more quickly and endure sessorutiny from authorities. Victims must report the theft and the authorities have to verify the crime before a card can be issued.

Tuition freeze proposed

NC CHAPEL HILL — The head of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors wants his colleagues to freeze tuition next year because he believes the state has enough money to provide a good education.

Chairman Brad Wilson made the point in a memo distributed to board members, state university chancellors and UNC system President Molly Broad. Fifteen of the state's 16 public universities increased tuition last year.

Parking meters arrest

PA PITTSBURGH — In the opening scene of the classic 1967 movie "Cool Hand Luke," Paul Newman's title character is arrested for cutting the heads off a row of parking meters.

So, when four city burglary detectives were assigned to find the person who stole at least 400 parking meters from city streets and lots over the past year, they didn't have to think long before giving their probe a name: "Operation Cool Hand Luke."

They arrested a man in the case. But unlike Newman's fictional character, whose motive was, "Small town, not much to do in the evenin!," the real-life meter suspect was after "scrap metal and the coins inside," police Detective Mike Plijyh said.

The suspect, Wade Harris, 39, who has an arrest record dating to 1983 primarily for thefts involving scrap metals, was charged with theft, receiving stolen property and criminal mischief.

Son arrested in burglary

BENNINGTON — A local teen has been charged with burglarizing his mother's second-hand clothing store, as well as the gas station where he worked and a hair salon.

Casey A. Gras, 17, is also facing charges for allegedly selling cocaine. Police said he told them he committed the robberies to sup-

port his crack addiction, according to reports.

Gras could face up to 55 years in jail if he is convicted on all six counts. He pleaded innocent to the crimes in Bennington District Court.

Police allege that Gras burglarized Eclipz Hair Salon using a rock to smash the window and taking \$179 from the cash register.

On the same night, Gras allegedly broke into Second Time Around on River Street, which is owned by his mother. In that case, a cinder block was used and \$887 was reported stolen.

New university hospital

IW LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky HealthCare of ficials announced plans to build a new patient care facility on the campus that could cost an estimated \$3.75 million. University trustees unanimously approved the plan. It would be funded from existing revenues generated by the university's hospital and a \$2.50 million bond issue financed by UK HealthCare.

School recruiting cards

CRETE — A private college raised eyebrows with a recruiting postcard that shows a man surrounded by women and says students have the opportunity to "play the field."

Doane College sent the cartoon postcard to about 13,500 prospective students in California. Based on criticism it sparked, the college announced it was discontinuing the card.

"Doane College further expresses its regret if anyone associated with the college or potential applicants were in any way offended by the postcard's content," the college said in a statement.

One frame showed a student playing football for the Doane Tigers, with the caption: "Finally, a place where he could work toward the career of his choice. And also play the field."

Auto theft ring arrests

GA LAWRENCEVILLE — Authorities have arrested five people accused of being part of a large automobile theft ring thatsold stolen cars to unsuspecting Hispanics around the Southeast.

The group has been stealing cars from citizens and dealerships in the Miami and Atlanta areas, marking them with fake titles and then selling them around Georgia and the Carolinas to Hispanic customers who pay in cash, investigators said.

Once a police officer discovers the car is stolen, the car is impounded and the victims have no way to regain their money.

Authorities in Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina have recovered about 26 stolen vehicles, mainly sport utility vehicles and trucks. And they know of about 50 vehicles registered in Georgia with counterfeit Florida titles, said Pete McFarlane of the Georgia Department of Motor Vehicle Safety Auto Crime Unit.

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STARS STRIPES. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

Barbaric killings not justified

It is how the letter writer justifies the killing of an enemy that scares the living heck out of many of us who proudly wear or wore the uniform of one of the services of the United States ("No tears shed for insurgent." Dec. 4).

Absolutely nothing justifies such killings. It appears that our society, of which the military is just a reflection of, can justify any barbarous act that seems to be a part of this war. Just because the other side does it does not mean we have to sink to their level.

What are we trying to do in Iraq? Do we want those we liberated for democracy experience it to be no better than the vicious system under Saddam Hussein? By that killing, we created more terrorists who will seek revenge on the United States a generation from now.

If you could ask the British of the 18th century what they thought of our Revolu-tionary War tactics, they would have called it barbarous and they would have labeled us as terrorists. In those days war was an "honorable" thing where men met on a designated battlefield in bright uniforms, standing face to face and walking toward each other as they shot their mus-

American rebels, however, learned many of our tactics from the American Indians. These tactics included hiding be-

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hind trees and dressing in drab colors, as well as ambushing the marching redcoats.

Don't be ashamed of your forefathers. Their "primitive and barbarous" tactics caused us to win and create the greatest country in the world. We should not forget our roots when dealing with other nations.

U.S. Air Force Maj. (ret.) Klaus-D. Paul Kaiserslautern Germany

How to support troops

Many times we take things for granted. Having friends and family over for the holidays, sharing a big meal, being able to go shopping, enjoying all of the good things we have here

We have thousands of men and women around the world giving their all for this freedom; men and women who are away from home, family and friends and who need to know they are loved and missed, and most of all that they have our support and respect for serving our country. A country that God has made. A country not Democratic or Republican. A country that stands proud of our military men and women who honor us every day by serving in the armed forces.

So, what can we do to show them our appreciation?

Contact people. Get everyone to write letters, send cards, send small gifts or any care packages. Contact the United Service Organizations for information on how you can send them. Contact the local television and radio sta-

tions and ask them to help. Go out and buy a support ribbon for your car. Fly our flag high

I, for one, am going to let our men and women know that they are missed, loved and honored.

Bob Dillon Winters, Calif.

Different goals for U.S., Seoul on North

crowd of dignitaries watched last week as kettles rolled off the production lines of Livingart, a S Korean kitchenware manufacturer. The products were ordinary, but not the

location These were Daniel Sneider the first fruits of a massive industrial park in

North Korea, just above the Demilitarized Zone. The Kaesong complex is a linchpin of outh Korea's policy of gradually transform ing the communist north through deepen ing economic and cultural links. By opening

that regimented soci ety to the outside, they believe, they will show North Koreans how far they have fallen behind their Southern brethren.

"Their metaphor is a virus that will gradu ally infect the North," says an American official who closely follows Korea

Seoul policy-makers aim to strengthen reformers in the North who advocate Chinese-style capitalism. The North's desire to end its isolation provides leverage, through diplomacy, to get it to give up its nuclear weapons

This engagement strategy lies at the root

of growing tensions with the Bush administration. The two governments have coordinated during nearly two years of slow-moving nuclear talks hosted by China but sparred behind closed doors on what Seoul sees as Washington's inflexibility.

It is no secret that some inside the Bush administration see the South Koreans as hopelessly soft on their communist brothers. They favor severe sanctions, aimed at provoking collapse of the regime.

Such talk prompted South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun to personally draft an unusually blunt speech last month in Los Angeles

The North, Roh said, is serious about market reforms and about opening up to the outside world. Their rigidity only reflects fear their control will be endangered by change, as happened in Russia. The nuclear weapons program grows out of that sense of insecurity he said

The South Korean leader called for serious dialogue with the North, coupled with a warning that the South will not follow the U.S. down a path that could lead to war.

"We cannot ask the Korean people, who have reconstructed their country as it is today from the ashes of war, to endure the same thing again," he said, "For this very reason, armed force has very limited useful ness as a negotiating strategy." "He's taking the measure of where we are

headed," the American official told me.

White House officials played down Roh's remarks.... But Roh was even more explicit before a Korean audience in Paris earlier this month. South Korea and China are not seeking regime collapse, he said, according to Korean press accounts. If the United States heads in that direction, he indicated, South Korea will have no choice but to break ranks with it.

Administration officials have tried to calm Seoul down ... but the South Korean government is working feverishly to organize a North-South summit meeting as a possible response to either the failure of a new round of the Chinese-hosted six-party talks or to American hard-line moves.

Seoul's engagement strategy has a powerful logic to it. But it would be more effective if the South forcefully trumpeted the merits of its democratic capitalism over the tyranny of the North. To avoid provoking the prickly dictatorship, the South stays silent about its horrific human rights record. That allows Pyongyang to treat the South with open contempt.

South Koreans and Americans must frankly reach a common understanding to carry out diplomacy while also promoting the transformation of the North. The gap between our views may not be as wide as some fear or as some might hope.

Daniel Sneider is foreign affairs colum for the San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News

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OPINION

'Buying American' will lower trade deficit

WASHINGTON hould Americans buy American? In the holiday shopping season and throughout the year, consumers should take the responsibility to be informed and aware of basic facts about what they are buying - how and where the goods they buy are produced

Furthermore, they should give some thought to the impact of their purchases on the U.S. and global economy, on decent jobs and on the environment.

That isn't to say, however, that consumers can bear the entire burden of social responsibility: governments must set and enforce ap propriate rules to protect workers, public health and the environment; and corpora tions have a responsibility to obey the laws and be socially and environmentally respon

But consumers can and do make a difference, and they should welcome the power hold at the cash register. Deliberate thoughtful consumer purchases can help strengthen the bargaining power of workers fighting for decent and humane working conditions, and send a powerful message to corporate headquarters about the standards consumers expect for the goods and services they buy

When consumers choose American-made products, they are supporting good jobs in their communities, as well as an expanded tax base that can fund schools, roads, research and social programs. Manufacturing jobs have traditionally

been the backbone of the American middle class, providing decent wages and benefits, but also a ripple effect in job creation throughout the economy. Each manufactur-

ing job, it turns out, is associated with two to three times as many secondary jobs as those in services or retail

Faster productivity growth in the manufacturing sector, relative to the rest of the economy, is the foundation for noninflation ary wage growth over time

In addition, buying American is one way consumers can help stem our national borrowing binge. This year, our trade deficit the annual excess of imports over exports will be well over half a trillion dollars, or

more than \$1 million a minute The October trade deficit hit an all-time high of \$55.5 billion

We fund these expenditures by borrowing from abroad, and our national debt is now close to \$3 trillion.

These enormous and unsustainable deficits eventually will cause the dollar to fall relative to other currencies, which will make American products more competitive, but also likely will lead to higher inflation and higher interest rates. By choosing American-made products, especially big-ticket items such as cars or appliances, American consumers can help reduce our need to borrow from abroad.

In addition to seeking out American-made items, consumers should look for products and services made by union workers. The union label denotes high-quality products and services made by skilled workers who are treated fairly and decently by their emplovers.

Union workers earn more money, have better benefits, are more productive and have greater job security than nonunion workers. The pay differential is 27 percent for all workers, and this difference is even greater for women, African-Americans and



It isn't always possible to buy American-made goods, even with the best of intentions. When buying goods made in other countries, consumers should also try to stay informed about working conditions, labor laws and corporate practices

Information about workers' rights in different countries is available through several sources: The U.S. State Department publishes annual reports on human rights conditions around the world, and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the International Labor Organization provide detailed information on labor rights

Watchdog groups - including the Worker

Rights Consortium, Students Against Sweatshops, the Campaign for Labor Rights, the National Labor Committee and the International Labor Rights Fund, among others monitor corporate practices and expose egregious violations

At the end of the day, governments, corpo-rations and consumers all have a role to play in improving working conditions here and around the world, and in making responsible economic decisions.

When you go to the mall with your credit

card, get into the true holiday spirit, and make your dollars count toward a fairer and more humane world.

Thea Lee is assistant director for international economics at the AFL-CIO labor union.

U.S. consumers shouldn't consider products' origin

merican consumers should practice nondiscriminatory shopping this Christmas without any regard to the national origin of the products they buy

Those consumers who do intentionally alter their holiday shopping habits to "buy American" most likely will end up worse off, and will become confused in the process.

Attempts by shoppers to shun "foreign" products during the holiday season to bring down the U.S. trade deficit won't work. And even if changes in holiday shopping were successful at lowering our trade deficit, it does not necessarily follow that our econo my would be better off. Here's why

First, in our increasingly global economy, the distinction between "foreign" and "American" goods is becoming increasingly difficult and meaningless.

With global trade at an all-time high, all "foreign" products most likely have some U.S. components, and products "made in America" typically contain foreign inputs. The automobile market clearly illustrates this point. Are the Toyota Mazda and Mitsubishi ve

hicles built in the United States by UAW workers for foreign-based automakers with both domestic and foreign parts "American" or "foreign" cars? Now that Michigan-based Ford owns Jaguar and Volvo, are those foreign-produced vehicles containing U.S.-built components really "foreign" vehi cles? And does it really matter? No. In the search to find only "American" products, holiday shoppers will end up confused, and will unnecessarily limit their shopping op-

They could also end up with a higher shop

gain-priced imports. Second, our trade deficit is ultimately

caused by the fact that national spending by American consumers, businesses and government exceeds our national income. Holiday shoppers who substitute "American" products for "foreign" gifts, without altering their overall level of consumption, will not affect our trade deficit by even \$1

Only if we consume less and save more would our trade deficit be affected. The only effective way for holiday shoppers to cut the budget deficit would be to reduce spending,

which would lead to weak December retail sales and would stall the economic recovery. Instead of altering holiday shopping hab-

its, consumers concerned about the trade deficit should write to members of Congress and encourage politicians to stop the growth reasons for our large trade deficit. Unfortunately, those who advocate a "Buy

American" strategy to promote prosperity are recycling the discredited mercantilist theory of the 1800s, which claims that: a) exports and trade surpluses are good, and b) imports and trade deficits are bad. In realineither of those positions is correct, and in fact, both imports and trade deficits can actually be very beneficial.

To understand this, think about how you benefit from your personal trade deficit with your local grocer

If you import \$500 of groceries every month from your local grocery store, and your grocer buys nothing from you, you would have a monthly \$500 trade deficit with your local supermarket. Could you possibly make your family better off by buying duce your trade deficit with your grocer? If not, then altering your holiday shopping to reduce our country's trade deficit won't make you better off either

Holiday shoppers should be thankful that they can shop in a global marketplace more conveniently, and at a lower cost this holiday season than at any other time in history. Consumers should spend wisely on gifts to get the lowest price and the best value, but should pay no attention to labels of national

Whether you're buying Mongolian cashmere, toys from China or a Turkish bathrobe, or taking a sunny Mexican holiday vacation, enjoy guilt-free Christmas shopping and traveling in a global economy, and don't worry about the trade deficit.

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Time is the most valuable com modity. We can't waste it vacillating, holding out for an upgrade or hag-

gling for the best price too many practical actions must be taken in the next few days. Mercury projecting forward helps us do the same without encum brance. Earth-sign influences bring thought, emotion and deed together as one.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (December 22), Risks pay off huge this year! In the next four weeks, run -

don't walk - to invest in education or equipment that could change your work and finan cial luck. Old loves return, and family reunions are healing in February. A whirlwind romance in the middle of spring makes you feel irresistible. But don't make hasty decisions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The more money you make, the better you feel - but is that right? Self-worth is not to be confused with net worth. Try and see all your contributions to the world as value able, not just the ones that bring home dollar signs.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When your mind is uncluttered by emotional thoughts, you're brilliant. Either eliminate upsetting influences or decide not to be upset by them. Romance can be found in your very

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

own neighborhood.

There's no shortage of stress these days. Make "Health first" your motto. When your physical body is in balance, you can go about the business of doing everything you tell yourself you're going to do.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Motivating yourself is tricky business. When there's something you are loathe to do, all those

less-than-loathsome tasks suddenly seem like gravy! This is how papers get filed and clothes get folded

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The

darling of your world pulls a less-than-darling maneuver. Should you be quick to forgive? Not before you fully understand the motivation

behind this action. Do more investi-

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A friend tries to help you but may be underqualified for what it is you need. Right now, it's better to rely on

people for what they are already good at. Get more specific about your expectations, and then.

put the word out. LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). If you're not going to make a profit, you may as well not make a profit while slacking in front of the TV instead of working your fingers to the bone! An expert strategy ensures

you're working both smart

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't want to be the exception to every rule; you just are. Accept your special status instead of trying to fit into the norm. Later, you'll learn that what you're now calling the "norm" is about as wacky as it gets

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People are depending on you. Don't even think about calling in sick - you're definitely the brains of your team now. If it weren't for you, the whole operation might temporarily shut down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). You're definitely on the minds of many. Friends drop by, and people call out of the blue. Initially, you could be flustered - you hate to be caught unawares. In retrospect, you'll be happy you took time out to chat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your ultimate goal is only unattainable until you begin to pursue it. Someone powerful has a crush on you. Enjoy the boost to your ego, but don't feel you have to do some-

thing about it. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Finances depend on how innovative

you can be. Satisfied customers come to the fore. Encourage people to put their good comments in writing. Testimonials could help you move to the next level in your busi-

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Now arrange the circled letters to

form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Porn habit requires counseling

Confidential to my

readers: Although I know you're busy beyond belief prepar-ing for the holidays, please take a minute to go to your computers and send greetings to our troops. This is the loneliest time of the year for these brave

young men and women, many of whom are away from their families for the first time. Type in www.OperationDear Abby net and let them know we care.

Dear Abby: I have been married for 10 years. I have always had fantasies about exposing my wife naked to other men. "Hazel" is a deep sleeper, and in college, I exposed her countless times for my roommates to see. (I pretended to be asleen.) From the time we were married, I took pictures of her while she slept. I posted a good number of them on Internet porn sites, making no attempt to blur her face, which would have

I saved each norn site photo spread of her into a file on my

Well, my wife found the file. We are now in marriage counseling, but I still have the fantasies. I know what I did was wrong, but I did it anyway. I don't

want to lose my wife. Please help.

- Ashamed in Virginia Dear Ashamed: You need more help than I can give you in a letter. You violated your wife's trust, treated her like an object, and while I applaud the fact that you are getting marriage counseling, counseling of a

different sort is also in order. Please ask your doctor for a referral to a psychiatrist ASAP.

Dear Abby: My co-worker has planned his own retirement dinner party at \$45 a head, including tax and gratuity.

That might not be much to managers and supervisors who receive large salaries, but for those of us who don't, that's a lot of money. What's ironic is he expects an additional \$10 from

each of us for a gift. A luncheon date with 90 per cent of the staff had already been confirmed. However, vesterday a flier was distributed announcing a dinner on the same date the luncheon was scheduled. Our lunch date was canceled without consulting us

We asked him to reschedule the lunch, told him the dinner party was too expensive, and asked if he would make the \$10 gift optional. Are we unreasonable, or is he?

- Wondering in San Francisco Dear Wondering: Wonder no more. He is. Please don't allow yourselves to be manipulated into spending more than you can afford on this anything BUT shy and retiring co- worker

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Yesterday's Answer:

GOOD LOOKS **Family Circus**

Dear Annie: 1 am 10 Annie's Mailbox years old. My cousin, "Zoe." just moved to our town and is going to my school. We're in the same classes, in the same youth group and in the same after-school activities, and we are going to the same summer camp

Zoe is really nice, but

we live in a small town, and it can take a while to

meet new people. So, she

hangs out with my friends and me a lot, and even though I have

no problem with that, some of

they'd like her to leave us alone

I love my cousin, but I could use a little breathing room

Dear Cousin: Can you intro-

with whom she might have some

thing in common? Perhaps she

after-school group that doesn't

include you. Zoe is still new to

her own friends and her own

your area and needs time to find

would like to join a sport or

duce Zoe to some schoolmates

- Cousin Problems

my friends are hinting that

once in a while

interests. She is relving on you to make the transition easier, so try to be patient with her You won't regret it. Dear Annie: I've

heard people complain about the overblown Christmas newsletters they receive. You know what I'm talking about - the husband got his

third promotion, the son was offered a full scholar-ship to Harvard, the daughter was voted homecoming queen, the 9-year-old plays three musi cal instruments, the oldest daughter married an ambassador, the first grandchild is a genius who already speaks three languages So here's my Christmas Letter Revenge, I hope you will print it

- Had Enough of That Dear Had Enough: Thanks for a good chuckle.

Here it is:

Dear Everybody: Once again, the happy holidays are upon us We have so many things to appreciate. Bob got a promotion to

french fry specialist at the fast-food joint, so we were able to purchase two more buckets at the flea market. We now have enough for all the holes in the leaking roof. We've actually collected so much water that we can flush the

toilets every day The Feds found this year's marijuana crop before we could harvest it all, but we should make it through the winter with the profits from the still. Jimmy got out on good behavior just in time for Christmas and the birth of his fifth child. Fortunately, all four mothers have stopped fighting over him. Junior ran off again, and it gets harder and harder to get the sheriff to look for him. Just

because he's 35 doesn't mean he can take care of himself. I hope that the holidays find you whole and happy.

— Bertha Mae, Bob, Jimmy.

Junior and all the Grandkids

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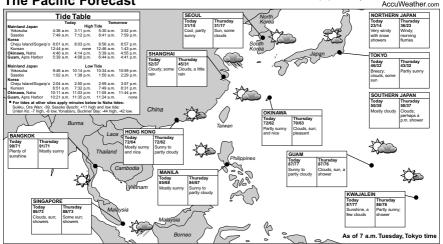


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Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 44, low 32. Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 47, low 41.

KADENA

high 67, low 58.

Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 71, low 62. Saturday: Showers.

SEOUL

Friday: Mostly sunny, high 33, low 16. Saturday: Mostly sunny, high 30, low 13.

MANILA Friday: Periods of clouds and

sunshine, high 85, low 69. Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 86, low 69

HAGATNA

Friday: Partly sunny, high 86, low 77. Saturday: Showers, high 85 low 76

Monday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	56/31	Los Angeles	74/50
Amarillo	71/28	Little Rock	55/40
Anchorage	28/11	Louisville	32/28
Asheville	29/16	Miami	63/53
Baltimore	23/10	Milwaukee	32/26
Birmingham	40/34	Nashville	32/31
Bismarck	44/8	New York	22/12
Boise	38/22	Omaha	46/22
Boston	26/10	Orlando	53/34
Brownsville	78/57	Philadelphia	20/10
Buffalo	13/4	Phoenix	75/47
Burlington	0/-11	Pittsburgh	16/11
Charleston, St	39/20	Portland, OR	46/33
Charlotte	32/18	Portland, ME	26/-2
Cleveland	18/16	Salt Lake City	40/22
Columbus, OH	20/18	St. Louis	47/32
Duluth	23/8	San Antonio	70/46
El Paso	67/37	San Diego	70/52
Hartford	14/-1	San Juan	87/72
Helena	43/22	Tampa	57/36
Indianapolis	31/25	Tulsa	66/35
Jacksonville	45/25	Washington	26/15
Kansas City	50/31	Wichita	57/28



U.S. Extended Forecast

The next major storm system will develop in Louisiana on Wednesday, with milder air and some rain spreading northward across the Southeast into Virginia and eastern Kentucky. Behind the storm system, arctic air will continue to blast southward into Texas on a chilling wind. Snow will spread north and east in the cold sector of the storm, across southern Illinois Indiana and Ohio Some snowflakes will even be possible in Arkansas and north Texas. Sunshine will continue across the Plains, but it will be very cold into Thursday, with snow moving into Michigan. Milder air and rain will arrive for most of the Fast Coast, Mainly dry weather will prevail on the West Coast through Friday.

Wednesday's Pacific Temperatures

Wednesday's World Temperatures

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Beijing	21/10	Kadena AB	72/62	Sapporo	23/14	Athens	47/34	Buenos Aires	86/68	Kiev	19/12	New Delhi	71/40
Camp Casey	32/15	Kunsan AB	38/26	Seoul	31/15	Auckland	63/50	Cairo	69/50	Kuwait	69/44	Oslo	41/27
Christchurch	63/40	Kwajalein	87/77	Shanghai	52/37	Baghdad	62/41	Cancun	80/71	London	48/46	Paris	37/36
Diego Garcia	86/77	Manila	85/68	Singapore	86/73	Barbados	86/69	Cape Town	77/57	Madrid	43/30	Rio de Janeiro	72/60
Hagatna	87/77	Misawa AB	29/16	Sydney	82/61	Barcelona	42/34	Geneva	29/26	Mexico City	72/43	Rome	44/34
Hanoi	76/65	Osan	33/17	Taegu	43/25	Berlin	34/33	Istanbul	41/30	Montreal	35/29	St. Petersburg	22/12
Hong Kong	72/64	Perth	77/53	Taipei	74/63	Bermuda	66/58	Jerusalem	63/45	Mogadishu	89/73	Stockholm	35/26
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SMU 60, Denver 42 Thii Texas-San Antonio

College football

NCAA Division I-AA playoffs

NCAA Division III playoffs

Championship Saturday, Dec. 18 Stagg Bowl At Salem Stadium Salem, Va. Linfield, Ore. 28, Mary Hardin-Baylor 21

College volleyball

Semifinals Thursday, Dec. 16 At Long Beach, Calif. def. Washington, 3-1 (30-25, 30.-24)

Stanford def. Washington, 3-1 (30-2., 23-30, 23-27, 20-5). Southern California, 3-1 (30-25, 29-31, 30-25, 30-20). Championship Saturday, Dec. 18 (40-25, 29-31, 30-26, 30-

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1 the year.

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1998—Grandio, Brazil
1998—Zinedine Zidane, France
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2001—Luis Figo, Portugal
2001—Zinedine Zidane, France
2002—Ronaldo, Brazil
2003—Zinedine Zidane, France
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FIFA Player of the Year ZURICH, Switzerland - List of FIFA players

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PHOENIX SUNS—Activated F Jackson Vro-nan from the injured list. Waived G Yuta

Tabuse. FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed C Rich Braham on injured reserve. Signed RB Quincy
Wilson to a three-year contract.
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Veal.

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NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Placed CB Ty-

Mibwesi Arizona 70, Chicago St. 50 Evansville 58, Butler 52 Illinois 78, UCLA 63 Ind.-Pur.-Indpis. 74, Charleston Southern

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Baylor 89, Florida 62
Lawrence 69, Texas Lutheran 61
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Third Place
N. Arizona 85, E. Kentucky 64
Mississippi State Classic
Louisiana-Morroe 81, Grambling St. 73
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Raymond James Financial Shootout
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Franklin 80, Willimington, Ohio 75
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NFL scoreboard

American Conference									
	East								
	w	L	т	Pct	PF	PA			
y-New England	12	1	0	.923					
N.Y. Jets	10		0						
Buffalo	8	6	0	.571	330	248			
Miami			0	.154	213	289			
	South								
y-Indianapolis	11			.786	474	287			
Jacksonville	8		0						
Houston	6	8	0	.429					
Tennessee			0	.286	304	383			
	North								
y-Pittsburgh	13			.929					
Baltimore	8			.571					
Cincinnati	6		0						
Cleveland	3	11	0	.214	247	366			
	West								
y-San Diego	11	3	0	.786					
Denver	8		0						
Kansas City	6		0						
Oakland	5	9	0	.357	284	398			

National Conference										
East										
	W	L	Т	Pct	PF					
v-Philadelphia	13	1	0	.929	369	202				
Dallas	- 5	9	ō	.357	256	367				
N.Y. Giants	5	9	0	.357	253	300				
Washington	5	9	0	.357	209	234				
	South									
v-Atlanta	11	3	0	.786	301	283				
Carolina	6	8	0	.429	300	298				
New Orleans	6		0	.429	301	374				
Tampa Bay	5		0	.357	274	255				
	North									
x-Green Bay	8	6	0	.571	359	335				
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571	356	340				
Chicago	5	9	0	.357	204	281				
Detroit		9	0	.357	258	313				
	West									
Seattle	7	7	0	.500	319	326				
St. Louis	6	8	0	.429	267	356				
Arizona		9		.357						
San Francisco	2	12	0	.143	245	390				
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Sunday Texans 24, Bears 5

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Hou-Bradford 37 pass from Carr (K.Brown kick), :27. ick), :27.

Third Quarter

Chi-Safety, Carr intentional grounding.

Fourth Quarter
Chi—F6 Edinger 43, 1459.
Hou—F6 KBrown 20, 113.
Hou—Anderson 60 fumble recow
(KBrown Kick), 237.
A – 62,122.

Hou Chi 15 11 314 203 34-106 26-54 208 149 5-44 3-3 2-23 6-107 Rushes-yards Passing Punt Returns Kickoff Returns 2-43 0-0 13-28-0 17-35-2 2-12 2-19 Comp-Att-Int Sacked-Yards Lost

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Punts Fumbles-Lost Penalties-Yards Time of Possession	7-30.7 0-0 10-89 31:34	7-42.1 5-2 5-50 28:26					

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Rushing,—Houston, Davis 2:50, Carr 6-8, Wells 3-1, Chicago, Jones 15-40, Thomas 6-21, Hutchinson 3-0, Berrian 2:0-10, Thomas 6-21, Hutchinson 7-1, Berrian 12-30-2:20, Chicago, Hutchinson 17-34-1-168, Citigner 6-1-10, Thomas 6-20, Hutchinson 17-34-1-168, Citigner 6-1-10, Thomas 7-31, Chicago, Dines 7-37, Terrell 3-14, Wade 2-23, Thomas 1-19, Gage 1-18, Clark 1-14, Berrian 1-9, McKle 1-7, Missed field goals—Houston, K.Brown 42 (WR), Chicago, Edinger 39 (WL).

Vikings 28, Lions 27

Minnesota Detroit 7 7 0 14-28 3 10 0 14-27 First Quar Det—FG Hanson 32, 8:34.

Min—Burleson 36 pass from Culpepper (Andersen kick), 1:58.

kandersen kick), 158.

Second Quarter
Min—Moss 82 pass from Culpepper (Andersen kick), 93.

Det—Jones 16 run (Hanson kick), 3:21.

Det—FG Hanson 23, 330.

Min—Burlesson With Quarter
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Min—Burlesson With Bass from Culpepper (Andresson kick), 8:44

MIII—Burleson 37 pass from Culpepper (Andersen kick), 8:44. Det-R.Williams 9 pass from Harrington (Streets pass from Harrington), 6:11. MIn—M.Williams 11 run (Andersen kick), 1:37.

Det-R.Williams 1 pass from Harrington

KICK Talled), 106.			
A-62,337.			
	Min	Det	
irst downs	21	24	
Total Net Yards	461	463	
Rushes-vards	23-91	25-113	
Passing	370	350	
Punt Returns	3-27	2-15	
Cickoff Returns	5-94	4-83	
nterceptions Ret.	2-14	1-24	
Comp-Att-Int	25-35-1	25-44-2	
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-34	2-11	
Punts	5-40.6		
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1	
Penalties-Yards	9-70	4-25	
Time of Possession	30:27	29:33	
INDIVIDUAL STA	TISTICS		

Rushing-Minnesota, Bennett 13-51, Culpepper 4-22, McWilliams 2-12, Smith 4-6. Detroit, Jones 19-78, Bryson 2-19, Harrington 3-13, Schlesinger 1-2. Culpepper Passing-Minnesota, Culpepper 25-35-1-40, Detroit, Harrington 25-44-2-361. Receiving-Minnesota, Wiggins 5-39, Burfon 3-15, 19-10, Moss 4-10, Mermett 2-31, Berton 3-15, 19-10, Moss 4-10, Mermett 3-31, Berton 3-14, Petroit P. Williams 7-10, Hakim 4-10, 19-10, Petroit P. Williams 7-10, Hakim 4-10, 19-10, Petroit P. Williams 7-10, Hakim 4-10, Petroit P. Williams 7-10, Petroit P. Williams 7-10, Hakim 4-10, Petroit P. Williams 7-10, Petroit P. Williams 7 1-9. Detroit, R.Williams 7-104, Hakim 4-108, Jones 4-35, Streets 4-30, Bryson 3-51, Alex-ander 2-26, Schlesinger 1-7. Missed field goals—None.

Jets 37, Seahawks 14

7 7 0 0-14 3 21 6 7-37 First Quarter NYJ—FG Brien 21, 9:54. Sea—Rice 12 pass from Hasselbeck (J.Brown kick), 5:27.

Second Quarter NYJ—Martin 1 run (Brien kick), 14:57. NYJ—Martin I run (Brien kick), 14:57.
NYJ—Martin 3 run (Brien kick), 7:44.
NYJ—Moss 32 pass from Pennington (Brien kick), 1:48.
Sea—Stevens 6 pass from Hasselbeck (JBrown kick), 1:03.
Trid Quarter
NYJ—Moss 7 pass from Pennington (kick rilled) 67:27

Fourth Quarter Fourth Quarter
NYJ—McCareins 5 pass from Pennington
Brien kick), 8:14.

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	Sea	N)				
First downs	19	27				
Total Net Yards	275	482				
Rushes-yards	23-88	41-229				
Passing	187	253				
Punt Returns	0-0	1-8				
Kickoff Returns	7-131	3-51				
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-7				
Comp-Att-Int	22-32-1	18-24-1				
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-14	0-1				
Punts	3-36.0	0-0.0				
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	1-1				
Penalties-Yards	2-20	2-1				
Time of Possession	24:34	35:21				
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS						

Rushing – Seattle, Alexander 19-77, Morris 1-6, Strong 2-5, Hasselbeck 1-0, N.Y. Jets, Mar-tin 24-134, Jordan 15-84, Moss 1-12, Penning-ten 1 (e) legs 1) ton 1-(minus 1).

Passing—Seattle, Hasselbeck 22-30-1-201,
Dilfer 0-2-0-0. N.Y. Jets, Pennington
18-24-0-253. 18-24-0-253. Receiving—Seattle, Jackson 4-45, Mill 4-43, Engram 4-39, Alexander 4-19, Rice 3-25, Han-nam 1-17, Strong 1-7, Stevens 1-6. N.Y. Jets, Sowell 5-83, Moss 5-79, McCareins 3-40, Jor-dan 2-18, Baker 1-17, Cotchery 1-15, Askew

Missed field goal—N.Y. Jets. Brien 30 (WL). Chiefs 45, Broncos 17

Denver 7 3 0 7-17 Kansas City 7 14 14 7 10-45 First Quarter kickoff return (Tynes kick), KC-Hall 97 kickoff 4:47. KC-L.Johnson 5 run (Tynes kick), 4:49. Den—Smith 22 pass from Plummer (Elam kick), :02.

kick), :02. Second Quarter
KC—Kennison 7 pass from Green (Tynes
kick), 9:36.
KC—LJohnson 32 run (Tynes kick), 4:06.
Den—FG Elam 27, :04.
Third Quarter

KC—Parker 48 pass from Green (Tynes kick), 8:11.

Fourth Quarter
KC-Kennison 18 pass from Green (Tynes kick), 14:13.
KC-FG Tynes 39, 5:31.
Den-Hearst 4 run (Elam kick), 4:13.
A-77,702. Den 24 402 402 410 20-132 36-162 270 248 1-0 2-30 8-155 4-147 0-0 2-23 23-41-2 17-23-0 Rushes-yards Passing Punt Returns Kickoff Returns Interceptions Ret. Comp-Att-Int Sacked-Yards Lost Punts 6-22 3-18 4-38.5 4-32.8

Punts 4-38.5 4-32.8 Fumbles-Lost 2-1 2-2.9 Penalties-Yards 10-100 6-58 Time of Possession 26:49 3-381 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS Rushing — Denver, Bell 9-50, Plummer 2-29, Droughns 4-27, Hearst 5-26. Kansas City. Lohnson 30-151, Hall 1-6, Collins 1-4, Easy Passing—Denver, Plummer 23-41-2-292. (ansas City, Green 16-19-0-224, Collins Kansas 1-4-0-42

1-4-0-42. neceiving—Denver, Smith 6-75, Luke 5-40, lelie 3-37, Putzier 3-30, Droughns 2-14, Bell 1-56, Hearst 1-15, Watts 1-14, Carswell 1-9, Kennison 7-101, Parker 3-94, Goodbiel 3-3-44, Hall 2-17, Richardson 1-11, Michardson Missed field goals—None.

Bills 33. Bengals 17

14 13 0 6-33 7 3 0 7-17 First Quarter
Cin—R.Johnson 3 run (Graham kick), 4:48.
Buf—Evans 5 pass from Bledsoe (Lindell kick), 4:97.
Buf—Peters blocked punt recovery in end zone (Lindell kick), 3:37.
Buf—Spikas 62 interception return (Lindell kick) 1:37.

ick), 12:36. Cin—FG Graham 24, 6:63. Buf—FG Lindell 23, 1:13. Buf—FG Lindell 39, :00.

Buf –FG Lindell 39, :00.

Buf –FG Lindell 21, 12:58.
Buf –FG Lindell 33, 5:31.
Cin–Schobel 4 pass from Kitna (Graham kick), 2:03.
A—65,276.

Buf Cin 13 16 212 275 29-43 31-149 First downs Total Net Yards Passing Punt Returns Kickoff Returns Interceptions Ret. Comp-Att-Int Sacked-Yards Lost 29-43 31-149 169 126 4-4 4-21 4-81 6-109 2-65 0-0 15-30-0 16-32-2 2-14 3-25 2-14 3-25 5-45.0 6-34.0 5-1 3-2 Punts Fumbles-Lost

.Johnson 2-10. Missed field goals—None. Raiders 40, Titans 35

Tennessee Oakland 7 14 0 14-35 14 7 14 5-40

Oakland First Quarter
Oak—T.Johnson 18 pass from Collins (Jani-kowski kick), 9:12.
Ten—Bennett 17 passs from Volek (Anderson kick), 3:08.
Oak—Porter 32 pass from Collins (Jani-kowski kick), 1:04.

Ten-Bennett 23 pass from Volek (Anderson kick), 82.0 Oak-Porter 18 pass from Volek (Anderson kick), 84.1 Ten-Troupe 7 pass from Volek (Anderson kick), 125.

Kirck), 1:29. Third Quarter
Oak—Gabriel 45 pass from Collins (Janikowski kick), 7:28.
Oak—Porter 3 pass from Collins (Janikowski kick), 4:30.

Fourth Quarter
Ten-Mason 3 pass from Volek (Anderson kick), 11:53.

cick), 11:53.

Oak-FG Janikowski 42, 3:39.

Ten-Volek I run (Anderson kick), 1:21.

Oak-Safety, Volek intentional ground benalty in end zone, :08.

A-44,299.

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6-50.0
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0-0
5-35
5-39
-03
24:57 Punts 4-13 6-500 Punts

Receiving—Tennessee, Bennett 13-160,

Mason 9-121, Troupe 6-75, A.Smith 4-38, Ber-lin 3-69, Fleming 2-21, Meier 2-2, Holcombe 1-6. Oakland, Porter 8-148, T.Johnson 3-49 Whitted 2-61, Gabriel 2-52, Zereoue 2-11, Far-gas 1-21, Hetherington 1-14, Crockett 1-11

gas 1-21, Hetherington 1-14, Crockett 1-11, Jolley 1-4.
Missed field goal—Tennessee, Anderson 41 (WR).

Eagles 12, Cowboys 7

falled), 10:07.
Dal – K.Johnson 7 pass from Testaverde
(Cundiff kick), 3:22.

Fourth Quarter
Phi—Levens 2 run (pass failed), 1:57.
A—67,723.

Dal Phi 14 24 First downs Total Net Yards Rushes-yards Passing Punt Returns 237 328 26-80 28-120 157 208 1-11 3-35 3-55 2-44 2-33 2-12 16-28-2 20-35-2 Kickoff Returns Interceptions Ret. Comp-Att-Int Sacked-Yards Lost 3-19 2-15 6-39.0 5-38.4

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Chargers 21, Browns 0

San Diego 7 7 7 0-21 Cleveland 0 0 0 0-0

SD—Gates 72 pass from Brees (Kaeding kick), 2:11.

Third Quarter SD-Tomlinson 1 run (Kaeding kick), 8:32. A-72,489.

SD Cle First downs First downs Total Net Yards Rushes-yards Passing Punt Returns Kickoff Returns 257 231 50-174 29-126 0-174 83 1-0 0-0 Interceptions Ret. Comp-Att-Int 1-0 0-0 4-6-0 11-28-1 Sacked-Yards Lost Punts 1-2 1-3 6-38.8 5-35.2 1-1

Fumbles-Lost
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Cardinals 31. Rams 7 St. Louis Arizona 0 7 0 0-7 10 7 7 7-31

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First Quarter
Ari - McCown I run (Rackers kick), 5:24.
Ari - First Quarter
Second Quarter
Ari - Fitzperal d Spass from McCown (Rackers kick), 12:24.

StL-Little 61 fumble recovery (Wilkins kick), :07.

Third Quarter
Ari—Fitzgerald 4 pass from McCown (Rackers kick), 7:02. rs KICK), 7:02. Fourth Quarter Ari-McCown 9 run (Rackers kick), 10:54.

StL Ari 12 26 185 402 10-22 40-131 163 271 Total Not Varde Rushes-yards Passing

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22-34-0-287. Receiving—St. Louis, Holt 6-95, Bruce 4-37, Cleeland 2-16, McDonald 2-14, M.Fauik 1-13, Manumaleuna 1-10, Curtis 1-4, Arizona, Boldin 4-48, Ayanbadejo 4-45, Fitzgerald 4-37, BJohnson 3-69, Scobey 3-52, E.Smith 2-24, Long 2-13.

ed field goals—None.

Saints 21, Buccaneers 17 New Orleans 7 0 0 14-21 Tampa Bay 7 0 7 3-17 First Quarter NO-Stecker 98 kick return (Carney kick),

TB—Galloway 3 pass from Griese (Taylor kick), 11:25. Third Quarter TB—Galloway 59 punt return (Taylor kick),

a:57. Fourth Quarter
TB—FG Taylor 37, 11:17. NO-Horn 4 pass from A.Brooks (Carney MO-Stallworth 7 pass from A.Brooks (Carney kick), 23.

NO-Stallworth 7 pass from A.Brooks (Carney kick), 23.

A-65.075.

NO TB 17 247 283 29-115 34-169 132 114 1-53 2-59 4-148 3-61 1-0 0-0 First downs First downs
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Rushes-yards
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Punt Returns
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BY BOB BAUM The Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. - Josh McCown might be the quarterback Dennis Green thought he was after all

Two starts after returning from a three-game benching, McCown put together the best performance of his young career in the Arizona Cardinals' 31-7 rout of the St. Louis Rams on Sunday

From virtually the day he was hired, Green called McCown his choice as quarterback, but set him down after nine

"Josh McCown played very well," Green said, perhaps the first time he has spoken those words this season

McCown completed 22 of 34 passes for 287 yards with no interceptions. He threw two touchdown passes to Larry Fitzgerald, and ran for two scores.

McCown said that he learned from watching on the sideline after nine games

"You're watching with a different pair of eyes," he said. "You're seeing things differently than when you are a rookie or a guy that hasn't played very much. Don't get me wrong, I didn't like it, but I tried to make it

a positive experience. That the Cardinals, at 5-9, are still in the NFC West race is a testament to just how had the division is

A victory would have moved the Rams into a tie with Seattle atop the division, since St Louis holds the tiebreaker with two wins over the Seahawks. Instead, the Rams fell to 6-8, just one game ahead of the

Cardinals "We didn't see this coming." Rams wide receiver Torry Holt said. "If there was any game on the schedule that we felt confi dent about coming in and winning, it would

be Arizona If Arizona wins its last two, and both Seattle and St. Louis go 0-2, the Cardinals

would take the division title at 7-9 "I'm surprised that a 5-9 team is in it, but

I'm not surprised that it's this team," Mc-Cown said, "We have it in us. We have the talent, we have the capability to do this, it's just a consistency thing." With quarterback Marc Bulger out with

a shoulder injury, 39-year-old Chris Chandler lasted just one quarter for the Rams before he was replaced by Jamie Martin, who saw his first regular-season action in two years. He was signed by the Rams earlier this month when Bulger was injured.

"It was almost surreal," Martin said,

being on the couch two weeks ago watching the game and now I'm playing in it. But as things went on, guys helped me calm down and I think we did some decent

the blame on Chandler, saying the veteran quarterback threw the ball on a run play on the first series and made other elemen-

The Rams had minus-20 yards of offense

in the first quarter. Chandler, who had six passes intercepted last week, was 1-for-6 for 1 yard with an interception. He was sacked twice.

"It's tragic for this football team, for that position to hold this whole football team hostage." Martz said. "but that's where we

The benching came after Chandler threw six interceptions a week earlier in a loss at Carolina. Why has Chandler played so noorly?

"Guys, I just can't answer that," Martz said. "I don't know. I'm just baffled by it." Chandler left without speaking to report-The Rams' touchdown came on Leonard

Little's 61-vard fumble return with 7 seconds left in the first half. "I thought, 'Well, this might spark the

team and we might get things going,' but it never did happen," Little said. "I guess that was a useless play, really.

St. Louis' only serious offensive threat ended when Holt was hit by Ifeanyi Ohalete and fumbled as he was about to cross



Arizona Cardinals' Josh McCown (12) scores a touchdown on a quarterback keeper during the first quarter Sunday.

the goal line. Ohalete recovered in the end zone for a touchback.

As Fitzgerald put it, the Cardinals "kept our foot on the pedal" the whole game, never turning conservative.

Raiders' Woodson, Anderson arrested after win over Titans

The Associated Press

ALAMEDA. Calif Four-time Pro Bowl cornerback Woodson and safety Charles Marques Anderson were arrest ed early Monday for investigation of public intoxication following the Oakland Raiders' victory over the Tennessee Titans.

The Oakland Police Department said the players were arrested at 4:20 a.m. in downtown Oakland after refusing to leave the back seat of a woman's car. Both were jailed briefly, police spokeswoman Danielle Ashford

"Apparently what happened, an officer in our transportation section was flagged down by a woman who said the men were in the back of her car and wouldn't get out," said Ashford, who was uncertain whether the players knew the woman. "They were very uncooperative. They had problems maintaining their balance, bloodshot watery eyes and had a strong odor of alcohol. They were acting in a belligerent Both players could be subject

to league sanctions under the NFL's substance-abuse policy within the collective bargaining agreement.

Woodson, 28, and Anderson, 25, were booked into Oakland City Jail. Bail is not required for the misdemeanor offense, Ashford said, but Anderson had to post \$5,000 because of an outstanding traffic violation. Both were released between 8 and 9 a.m.. Ashford said.

Ashford didn't know when the players would appear in court.



Coach Norv Turner expressed disappointment when he discussed the situation on the heels of Sunday's 40-35 victory over

Players were off Monday because the Raiders play Saturday at Kansas City, and Turner said he hadn't spoken to Woodson or

"It's a situation where you'd like your guys to not be in that situation," Turner said. "The thing we always talk about, those hours are where problems turn up. That's how you avoid them, by staying out of those situations. Again, I don't know a lot about exactly what happened, so I'd prefer not to comment on it until I do

Woodson, designated as the Raiders' franchise player in February, didn't play against the Titans because of an injured knee. but hustled through the locker room high-fiving teammates afterward

He held out for four months on a mission for big money, but insisted in Sentember there's more to be concerned with than a long-term contract. Now, such a deal could be in jeopardy.

He signed a one-year tender for \$8.782 million Aug. 31 after missing 33 days of training camp. Woodson has 74 tackles, 21/2 sacks and two forced fumbles this season

He hadn't missed a game since

being suspended and sent home by former coach Bill Callahan for the final game last season at San Diego for missing curfew.

Turner hasn't had any significant issues with Woodson.

"I have had no issues that were a problem," he said. "You're always going to have some minor things to deal with. We have not had a major situation.

In May 2000, Woodson was named in warrants charging him with drunken driving and driving with a suspended license in Ann Arbor, Mich., where he won the 1997 Heisman Trophy for Michigan. Police said he registered a blood-alcohol level of 0.24 percent more than twice Michigan's legal limit.

Anderson was acquired in a September trade with Green

McGahee hyperextends, bruises knee; status uncertain

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. -Running back Willis McGahee has a hyperextended and bruised right knee that could prevent him from playing in Buffalo's game Sunday at San Francisco.

Tests conducted Monday showed the injury is not more severe than initially feared, and indicated the running back will not require surgery, McGahee's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, told The Associated Press.

"It's great news," Rosenhaus said. "It's not something that will keep him out an extended period of time, but we don't know about this week. That's something they're going to have to determine later on in the week.

Coach Mike Mularkey would



Buffalo Bills running back Willis McGahee (21) pushes off Cincinnati Bengals cornerback Keiwan Ratliff (25) in the first half Sunday in Cincinnati. McGahee hyperxtended and bruised his knee later in the game.

only list McGahee as day to day. declining to discuss the severity of the injury.

McGahee was hurt when he stumbled and landed awkwardly while catching a swing pass in the second quarter of Buffalo's 33-17 victory at Cincinnati on Sunday. He returned for the start of the third quarter, getting five carries before sitting out the fourth quarter.

The good news is the injury is not to McGahee's left knee, the one he tore up in his final college outing for Miami in the Hurri canes' loss to Ohio State in the 2003 national championship game. That injury forced the first-round pick to miss his entire

rookie season last year. McGahee has played a pivotal

role in the Bills' resurgence this season, helping them overcome an 0-4 record to climb back into AFC playoff contention. Buffalo (8-6) is 8-1 in games McGahee has started and won all six in which he's rushed for 100 yards.



Ankle ligament requires surgery and 5-6 weeks of recuperation

BY DAN GELSTON The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - Philadel phia Eagles star receiver Terrell Owens will miss the rest of the regular season and possibly the playoffs and Super Bowl because of a sprained right ankle, a devastating blow to the team with the

best record in the NFC.

Owens will have surgery
Wednesday and stands only an outside shot at being able to play in the NFL's championship game on Feb. 6 — if Philadelphia makes it that far, head trainer Rick Burkholder said

"I was looking forward to the playoffs, really trying to get this team to the Super Bowl," Owens said during a conference call. "I think without me, still, they achieve that goal."

Owens, whose touchdown celebrations and big plays made him an instant fan favorite, called some of his teammates with the news and told them he was sticking around for the playoff run.

"I'm behind them. I'm going to be their biggest cheerleader, Owens said.

Owens, who has 77 catches for 1,120 yards and a team-record 14 touchdowns, also has a fracture a few inches below his knee. But Burkholder still didn't rule out the chance that Owens would be able to run in five weeks — the weekend of the NFC title game.



Terrell Owens' right ankle is twisted beneath him as he is tackled during Sunday's game against Dallas. Owens suffered ligament damage that will require surgery, sidelining him for the rest of the regular season. The Eagles hope he might be available for the Super Bowl.

"There's a lot of hurdles that have to be taken on before he can ever get to that point," Burkhold-

"The scenario I painted is the best-case scenario, but it is realistic," he said.

Owens was hurt on the second play of the third quarter of Philadelphia's 12-7 victory over Dallas on Sunday when he was dragged down from behind by Roy Williams after a 20-yard reception. Owens immediately grabbed the back of his leg, which was bent backward, but left the field under his own power

The Eagles' victory clinched home-field advantage through the NFC playoffs

Tests revealed a high ankle

sprain. A screw will be implanted to stabilize and strengthen the ankle joint.

Owens had an MRI at the Eagles complex Monday morning, and complained of pain in his lower leg. He then saw an ankle specialist in Baltimore.

"I went down there ontimistic hoping for the best, and I got the worst of news," Owens said. worst of news," Owens said. "Things happen. You've just got to move on from it.

Burkholder said the fracture is not as serious, and will be allowed to heal on its own

"He's a great player, but can the offense go on? Absolutely," coach Andy Reid said Monday "We have some pretty good players on this offensive unit, so it'll

Owens has missed just seven games in his nine-year career.

Acquired in an offseason trade he has provided a spark to an offense that often stagnated late in the season - even though Philadelphia made the NFC championship game the last three years without him.

Philadelphia plays next Monday night at St. Louis and finishes the season on Jan. 2 at home against Cincinnati. Philadelphia will open the playoffs Jan. 15 or Jan. 16.

The Eagles' other starting wide receiver, Todd Pinkston, hurt his knee against the Cowboys and Reid said he was walking with a limp Monday.

Without Owens, the Eagles will be left with basically the same lackluster receiving corps that has disappeared when needed in the title games. Freddie Mitchell or Greg Lewis could join Pinkston as the other starting wideout. Those three have a combined 60 catches for 1,073 yards.

Reid said the Eagles will activate wide receiver Billy Mc-Mullen

"Freddie's going to get his chances to make plays," Owens said. "There shouldn't be any more excuses as to why he's not getting the ball. Now he gets his

The Eagles have already set a franchise record with 13 regular-season victories. They've finished first in the conference three straight years, but couldn't take advantage of playing at home in the last two NFC championship games, losing to Tampa Bay and Carolina. The Eagles also lost in the NFC title game in 2002 at St.

Volek carve up records

BY GREG BEACHAM The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. - Both defensive secondaries were riddled with injuries. Both quarterbacks were hungry to prove they're as good as the recent MVPs they backed up earlier in the year.

So, not too surprisingly, the Oakland Raiders' 40-35 victory over the Tennessee Titans on Sun day was a showcase for Kerry Collins and Billy Volek, with records falling nearly as frequently as the

befuddled defensive backs. Collins passed for a sea-son-high 371 yards and threw a career-best five touchdown passes, three to Jerry Porter. Volek merely had the second-best day in franchise history, going 40-for-60 for 492 yards and four touchdowns and rushing for a

When the scoring drives finally abated and Oakland hung on with a late safety, Tennessee lineback-er Keith Bulluck voiced the shame and frustration also felt by the Raiders' defense after two former backup quarterbacks carved them up.

"A lot of my teammates are out," Bulluck said. "The guys that are in there are playing, but the game is just moving too fast for them. Our offense is scoring 30-plus (points), and we can't even stop the sink from running. It's very frustrating."

Drew Bennett, Volek's close

friend, was the biggest beneficia-ry of Volek's prolific day with a franchise-record 13 receptions for 160 yards and two TDs. Porter was no less impressive, with ca-reer highs of eight catches and 148 yards.

Tennessee's Derrick Mason caught the game's ninth touchdown pass on the first play of the fourth quarter. The clubs com-bined for 942 yards and countless big plays, including six scoring es of at least 17 vards.

"It was rough out there for a while," Oakland cornerback Nnamdi Asomugha said. "I wasn't sure we were going to win until we started shaking hands after the game.

Oakland's special teams and de

fense finally came through.
Trailing 35-28, the Titans faked a field goal with 5:53 left, but holder Craig Hentrich's pass to Shad Meier was incomplete between

two defenders at the goal line.
After Oakland added a field goal and Volek scored on a 1-yard dive in the waning minutes, Volek was called for intentional grounding in the end zone with 8 seconds left, resulting in a safety.

"We're moving the ball down the field," Volek said. "The wide receivers are doing a great job The offensive line was doing a great job. We just didn't score enough points."

Oakland (5-9) snapped a

four-game home losing streak with a resurgent effort by a once-stagnant offense, while the Titans (4-10) lost their fourth

Go-for-broke Saints stay in playoff hunt

BY FRED GOODALL The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. - With their hopes of staying in playoff contention on the line, the New Orleans Saints wanted no part of over-"It was all touchdown, no field

goal." Donte' Stallworth said after catching a last-minute, 7-yard TD pass from Aaron Brooks to beat the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 21-17 on Sunday and keep alive the Saints' postseason prospects. "We've got a ways to go," coach

Jim Haslett said. "But it was a great team effort from the standpoint we hung in there. Brooks threw two touchdown

passes in the last 4 minutes, including the decisive one with 32 seconds left, as the Saints (6-8) came from behind to win on the road for the second straight week.

The victory lifted them into a tie with Carolina and St. Louis for the last wild-card spot in the weak NFC with two games to go.

The Saints face NFC South champion Atlanta at home next Sunday before finishing the regular season at Carolina.

Two weeks ago, New Orleans

was on a three-game losing streak that fueled speculation about Haslett's job security. After overcoming 10-point deficits to beat Dallas and the Bucs, there's suddenly hope for what mostly has been a disappointing year.

"We've still got life," punt returner Michael Lewis said. "Just like coach said, it was going to come down to the fourth quarter. We just had to stand there and keep plugging away.'

The Bucs (5-9) also entered the weekend as one of many teams in playoff contention, despite being three games under .500. Losing made them the first team to follow a Super Bowl victory with losing records the next two seasons.

The fact is, we're just not good enough to get it done," Bucs corack Ronde Barber said

"The guys played hard. That's not the issue. We played bad, that's the issue, and we do it every week. We're about as undeserving a team as there is. You can put smoke and mirrors around it all you want. This team just finds ways to lose, man.

Lewis returned a punt 53 yards to the Tampa Bay 4 to set up Brooks' 4-yard TD pass to Joe

Horn that trimmed a 10-point deficit to 17-14 with 3:33 to go. After John Carney's kickoff sailed out of bounds, giving the Bucs the ball at their 40, defensive end Will Smith forced Michael Pittman's fumble on first down and the Saints' Fakhir Brown recovered at the 41.

Eight plays later, Brooks threw to Stallworth, who squeezed between Barber and Dexter Jackson to just get into the end zone.

"It was a great throw, a perfect throw, I just had to catch it." Stallworth said.

The quick turnaround ruined an outstanding performance by Tampa Bay's Joey Galloway, who scored on a 3-yard reception and 59-yard punt return to build a 14-7 lead. Jay Taylor's field goal made it 17-7 with just over 11 minutes to go.

Penalties turnovers and mental mistakes have undermined the Saints all season, and nearly did them in again.

Carney missed a 38-yard field goal, and another scoring opportunity was wasted when Jerome Pathon fumbled after a 15-yard reception to the Bucs 3.

Brooks, who scrambled for 13 yards on fourth-and-12 from the

Tampa Bay 43 to keep the winning drive alive, finished 14-of-21 for 169 yards. He threw no interceptions, but was sacked seven times, with Simeon Rice getting 31/2 of the takedowns.

"It was just a situation where we make that play or we go home with a loss." Brooks said of the On the opening kickoff, the Saints' Aaron Stecker slipped and

let the ball roll through h s legs but then picked it up and ran 98 yards for a touchdown. Brian Griese completed 13 of 22 passes for 118 yards for Tampa Bay, which lost two fumbles in addition to an end-zone in-

terception. The Saints were limited to 64 yards in the opening half, yet went into the locker room tied 7-7 thanks to Stecker, who played four seasons in Tampa before signing with New Orleans as a

free agent last winter. "I looked up and all I could see was a sea of red. My instincts took over," said Stecker, who was taken to the locker room after his

"They said I hyperventilated," he explained. "I had never been so excited before the game. It all 第3種郵便物認可

Packers lose to Jags but aren't left out in the cold

BY ARNIE STAPLETON The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. - As expected, the icy weather was a breeze for one team and a 31/2-hour ordeal for the other.

Only, it was the warm-weather Jacksonville Jaguars who looked right at home Sunday in their 28-25 victory over the stunned Green Bay Packers at Lambeau Field, where the temperature was in the single digits and the wind chill well below zero

Jimmy Smith caught two touchdown passes from Byron Leftwich, Fred Taylor rushed for 165 yards and a score, and Rashean Mathis picked off Brett Favre twice, helping the Jaguars (8-6) stay in the thick of the AFC playoff race.

Jaguars coach Jack Del Rio said there was no way to prepare his team physically for the chill. "we were ready for the cold mentally, and we did not let the elements dictate how we played.

The Packers did, turning the ball over four times inside the Jacksonville 23 and missing a field goal after reaching the 13

Nevertheless, the Packers (8-6) became the ninth team in NFL history to reach the playoffs after a 1-4 start. They clinched before kickoff because Chicago, Dallas, Carolina and New York all lost in the run-of-the-mill NFC.

"I'll take your word for it," Packers tackle Mark Tauscher The Packers fell into a tie with

Minnesota aton the NFC North after the Vikings edged Detroit 28-27 Sunday. They travel to Minneapolis for a Christmas Eve matinee that will decide the division. "We want to earn it," Packers

guard Mike Wahle said. "We don't feel like we earned it right now. So we're going to go out there and try to earn it next week.

But what was mostly on the Packers' minds was their fallen teammate, wide receiver Robert Ferguson, who spent the night at Bellin Hospital after losing feeling in his legs temporarily when Jaguars safety Donovin Darius clotheslined him in the closing minutes

Ferguson suffered a sprained neck, and team trainer Pepper Burruss said Ferguson had movement and sensation in his arms



Jaguars receiver Jimmy Smith, left, gets behind Packers cornerback Al Harris for a 31-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter.

and legs Sunday night. He was scheduled to stay Monday night

in the hospital In a scene right out of the leather helmet days of the NFL more than a half-century ago, Darius swept in after Ferguson's 31-yard grab of Favre's pass at midfield and put a vicious, helmet-stripping hit that knocked him unconscious. Darius was ejected.

"My main concern from that point on, really up until the game was over, I wanted to win but I was concerned for Fergie," Favre

Darius defended his hit

"I wasn't in the position to make an interception and there wasn't a way for me to get my hand in there to disrupt the pass My natural tendency was to swing in an upward motion and try to dislodge the ball," he said. Darius said he would appeal

any fine the league hands down.

Favre turned over the ball four times and fell to 31-4 at home after Dec. 1, losing for just the second time in 40 cold-weather games at home

Still, the Packers had a shot at a comeback when Favre hit Antonio Chatman with a 6-vard touchdown throw and found Donald Driver for the 2-point conversion to pull Green Bay to 28-25 with 1:08 left.

But Jacksonville safety Nick Sorensen recovered the onside kick, wresting the ball from Packers tight end Ben Steele.

Smith had TD catches of 31 and 16 yards with Al Harris in cover-

"As a kid, I always saw the high lights from the Ice Bowl and always dreamed of coming up to frozen tundra and playing under conditions like this said. "It was tough. I'm still thaw-



Colts wide receiver Marvin Harrison (88) celebrates his 29-yard touch-down catch with Rick DeMulling (64), Jim Saturday and Tarik Glenn (78).

Record: Ravens stifled Colts offense, still lost

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The Rayens (8-6) were busy dealing with other matters - like their playoff hopes. The loss dropped them into a tie with Buf-Jacksonville and Denver and they managed to hold the Colts to their lowest scoring total

But the Rayens also wanted to prevent Manning from making history against their defense.

"All we've seen on TV this week was Peyton Manning this and Peyton Manning that core nerback Gary Baxter said. "We weren't going to let him set the record against us.

The Ravens stymied Manning by using extra defensive backs and constant shifts, then controlled the clock by running the ball as long as it could. It worked - for a while

When Manning returned after a sluggish first half, it didn't take him long to get the Colts going.

He opened the third period with a 77-yard scoring drive that ended with a 29-vard TD pass to a wide-open Marvin Harrison, who burned Chris McAlister with a nifty outside fake before turning inside. That gave the Colts a 13-3

Manning also got some help

from his teammates.

Mike Vanderjagt kicked two first-half field goals to give Indianapolis a 6-3 lead in its sec ond-lowest scoring opening half of the season. Larry Tripplett blocked a field goal that set up the

a 10-point swing that changed the game

Baltimore never recovered after Von Hutchins returned the blocked kick to the Baltimore 31 Five plays later, Edgerrin James scored on a 3-vard run to make it 20-3 as fans urged Manning to throw the ball.

"Their safeties were eyeing Reggie (Wayne) and (Brandon) Stokley on the outside," Manning "It was a no-brainer. said.

The Ravens responded on their next series. A 64-yard kickoff return by B.J. Sams set up a 36-yard field goal. When the Colts were called for offside, the Ravens accepted the penalty and Kyle Boller threw a 13-yard TD pass to Todd Heap. Boller was 19 of 40 for 210 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions.

"Those are things you wouldn't do at home," Baltimore coach Brian Billick said. "But that's an explosive offense to keep suppressed?

Indianapolis sealed the win when Cato June picked off Boller's pass and ran it 71 yards to the Baltimore 4, giving Manning one more chance to tie the record Fans gave Manning a standing ovation when he came back onto the field, hoping he would throw. Instead he knelt down and

didn't give the record a second thought.
"If it happens during the

course of the game, that's the way it's meant to be," he said. "It was just good to get the win."

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 Larry Fitzgerald, Cardinals, had TD reeptions of 8 and 4 yards against the Rams.

 Michael Clayton, Bucs, had four receptions for 53 yards against New Orleans, be-coming the first Tampa Bay rookie with a 1,000-yard season.

Running Backs

■ LaDainian Tomlinson, Chargers, rushed for 111 yards and twice touchdowns against Cheveland, He touchdowns against Cheveland, He games, two shy of the NFL record shared by John Riggins and George Rogers.
■ Larry Johnson, Chiefs, had 151 yards on 30 carries, including touchdown runs of 5 and 32 yards

against Denver.

Curtis Martin, Jets, had two first-half scoring runs and established a single-season team record with 12 TDs rushing. He also set the team mark for career TDs rushthe team mark for career TDs rush ing with 53, passing Emerson Booz

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Jets striving to keep offensive momentum

BY ANDREA ADELSON

The Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. - So the New York Jets finally showed they can score some points

In a 37-14 victory over Seattle, the offense shed the conservative label for at least a week, with a few long passes and some trickery thrown in for good measure. But the big question comes this week against New England.

Can the Jets keep up their momentum against one of the best teams in the league? Another big game looms for the Jets (10-4), who need a victory to clinch the first wild card in the AFC. How they respond could show how good their chances are for advancing in the postseason.

"The Patriots game is the true test for backup running back LaMont Jordan said Sunday. "If we can beat the Patriots, it shows we have a true shot at winning the Super Bowl. This is a must-win situation against a very good team."

All four of their losses have come against winning teams, including a 13-7 defeat to the Patriots on Oct 24 Though it was the first loss of the season for the Jets, it showed they could play with the defending Super Bowl champions.

But they need to take the next step. They need to beat an upper echelon team. Start ing a winning streak can do wonders for confidence in the playoffs.

"We want to go into the playoffs with confidence," Pennington said Monday. "We want to go in the playoffs with an attitude and feeling good about where we are as a football team. We took the first step Sunday. Now we got to take the second step to do that



New York Jets running back Curtis Martin rushed for two touchdowns against Seattle.

struggling against the Steelers, and said he has no pain in his right shoulder. But Pennington did not rule out offseason surgery, saying he would be re-evaluated when the season ends

The Jets posted a season-high 482 vards. and went over 200 yards on the ground for the fourth time this season. Offensive coordinator Paul Hackett opened up the offense at the urging of coach Herman Ed-

Pennington was on target again after wards, who said last week he wanted to see more explosion plays.

> Four plays went for 20 or more yards, after getting a combined four in their three previous games. They even ran a play where Pennington lined up at receiver and Jordan took a direct snap, running for 33 vards - the longest rush of the season.

"We have been conservative playing to the strength of our defense this year, protecting the ball and playing the turnover

game," Hackett said. "But when you look at our strengths and what we have to do to be a legitimate playoff team, we have to play like this. And this is far from conservative

But will Hackett revert back to his conservative shell against the imposing Patri-ots? After all, the Seahawks do not have one of the better defenses in the league and were without some key players. In New York's loss to New England earlier this year, the game turned into a defensive,

ball-control contest.

Even in a 13-6 loss to Pittsburgh two weeks ago, the Jets did not try to do too much. Because of the close losses to two of the best in the league, the Jets feel as if they can beat the Patriots.

"We have the confidence that we can

beat the upper-echelon teams, if you call them that," Pennington said. "The previous losses haven't caused us to have lower confidence. We just have to make sure that we've learned from those losses

Even if the Jets lose this weekend, they can still clinch with three different scenarios: If Buffalo and Baltimore lose: if Buffalo. Denver and Jacksonville lose; or if Baltimore, Denver and Jacksonville lose.

If those scenarios fail, the Jets would still clinch a spot with a win in the regu-lar-season finale at St. Louis. Edwards would become the first coach in Jets history to make the playoffs in three of his first

The personal accolades mean little to Edwards, whose first objective when the sea son started was to win 10 games and go from there

m there.
'You knew when you got to 10 wins, you separated yourself from a lot of teams," Ed-wards said. "You strive to get there as fast as you can. The quicker you can get to 10, the more pressure you put on everybody else."

Anderson coach returns to center he designed

BY DAVE ORNAUER Stars and Stripes

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea The grand old man of Pacific Air Forces basketball is back at his old stomping grounds, coaching the Andersen Bombers of Guam in this week's Osan Pacificwide Open Holiday Tournament

And he's doing it in a \$10.5 million fitness and sports center that he helped design, architecture being one of the items on Gerrard Barnes's extensive list of achievements in 38 years of military and civilian Air Force service, most of it within Pacific Air Forces.

"Every time I come back here, I get butterflies. It brings me to tears to see this brought to frui-tion," said Barnes, 54, who's coaching the Bombers at this week's Osan Pacificwide Open tournament

Osan is where Barnes enjoyed two of his finest moments as an Air Force varsity haskethall coach. Two of his PACAF tournament championships were won when he was assigned here in 1986 and 1987, the other coming in 1983 when he was at Taegu Air Base, South Korea.

Also on his résumé are three turns as an All-Air Force assistant coach and nine trips to the All-Air Force tournament as PAC-AF's coach.

"I'll bet not many other coach-es can say that," he said. He's also coached at almost

every Air Force station within PACAF since the early 1970s:

Osan, Kwangju, Taegu and Suwon in Korea: Yokota, Tachikawa, Fuchu, Grant Heights and Chofu in Japan; Clark Air Base, Philippines; Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii; and Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

"PACAF is where my heart is," said the native of Elizabeth City,

Though he spent his 26 years in the Air Force as a security policeman, the retired senior master sergeant also developed a fondness for fitness centers, in addition to his first love, varsity bas-

After his retirement, he sandwiched a two-year stint as civilian fitness and sports center director at Osan between two tours in the same capacity at Guam's Anders

In both locales, Barnes presided over decaying fitness centers that hosted two of the Pacific's major open interservice tourna ments, but were the Pacific Air Forces' tweo oldest gyms.

There was a need for the Osan community to have a new fitness center and I saw the same need at Andersen," he said.

Barnes helped draft the blueprints and launch the drive to fund both the \$10.5 million Osan facility, which opened three years ago, and a new \$16.5 million facility at Andersen, to open in time for the March Madness Invitational, which he began at Andersen in

"A lot of people had a hand in this," he said, naming everyone

from wing commands to services commands to civil engineer squadrons

Replete with some \$500,000 of fitness equipment, such as Stairmasters, treadmills and weights, facility has each new haskethall courts end-to-end which serve open tournament pur-"They're a means of giving

elite-level players an avenue to develop their skills," said Barnes. "Some have the potential to play in college, the pros or the international circuits.

Such tournaments also are a way for bases to support the Department of Defense's All-Armed Forces program, a \$1.5-billion in-

Barnes cut his teeth on varsity sports when the Air Force held regular command tournaments to select representatives to its tryout camps in a variety of sports.

Command tournaments were cut in 1991, when Air Force services decided to nour the majority of its dollars into fitness and intramural and youth sports programs. On average, 75 percent of money goes to fitness, 20 percent to youth and intramural and a fraction to varsity sports.

"Fitness has become more visible, a priority in terms of keeping people fit to fight," Barnes said. The new facilities at Osan and Andersen include "the entire fitness piece. ... And, of course, qual-ity of life."

He acknowledges that varsity sports likely never will return to the emphasis they enjoyed in the



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Anderson Rombers' Coach Gerrard Barnes helped design the fitness and sports center at Osan the site of this week's Pacificwide Open tournament.

1960s, '70s and '80s. "Varsity sports includes maybe 10 percent of a base's population," he said.

Still, he views the major Pacific wide open tournaments as a "qual-ity of life and entertainment" initiative and hopes they can be kept

Which, he says, is why he en joys coming to the tournament at Osan - and the facility in which it's played.

There's no other better facility in the command," he said. "Ex-cept, of course, for the one at

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Interservice basketball Osan Pacificwide Open **Holiday Tournament**

At Osan Fitness and Sports Center, Osan Air Base, South Korea Day 3 standings Men's Pool A

Osan Air Base, So Air Base, South Korea Humphreys, South Korea rsen Air Force Base, Guam Seoul American High School Suwon Air Base, South Korea

Monday's scores Andersen 80, Suwon 53 Osan 79, Seoul American 55 Osan 82, Suwon 48 Camp Humphreys 93, Seoul American 83

Men's Pool B Kunsan Air Base, South Korea Spotlight, Okinawa

Spotlight, Okinawa 2
Yongsan Garrison, South Korea 2
Osan American HS, South Korea Monday's score
Spotlight 114, Osan American 48
Men's double-elimination playoffs
Tuesday's games

Tuesday's games
Game 1-Spotlight, Okinawa, vs. Andersen Air Force Base, Guam Game 2-Yongsan Garrison, South Korea, vs. Camp Humphreys, South Korea

Korea Game 3-Suwon Air Base, South Korea, vs. Kunsan Air Base, South Korea Game 4-Osan Air Base, South Korea, vs. Game 1 winner Game 5-Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 win-

Wednesday's games Game 6-Game 2 loser vs. Game 3 loser Game 7-Game 1 loser vs. Game 5 loser Game 8-Game 4 loser vs. Game 6 win-

Game 9-Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 win-

Game 10-Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 Women's Pool Osan Air Base, South Korea

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Suwon 74, Kunsan 71 Yongsan 64, Suwon 63, OT

Washington center deflects last shot by No. 12 N.C. State

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The Associated Press

SEATTLE - Last week in practice with Washington's scout team, Brandon Roy was pretending to be North Carolina State standout Julius Hodge.



On Sunday, Roy defended Hodge on the decisive play, and got just enough of his finger on Hodge's final shot to help the No. 18 Huskies to a 68-64 victory over the 12th-ranked and pre-

viously unbeaten Wolfpack. Will Conroy and Tre Simmons each scored 12 points and Roy returned earlier

than expected from arthroscopic knee surgery to add 10 points This was obviously a huge game for us

going in," Huskies coach Lorenzo Romar said. "It was an even bigger game the way we won it We didn't shoot the hall well from the perimeter and we didn't make foul shots, but we found a way to win."

It didn't hurt Washington (8-1) that Roy was back in uniform.

The Huskies led 66-64, and the clock was ticking down the final seconds when Hodge went up for a short jumper that would have tied it. He slipped past Washington's Nate Robinson, leaned into Rov and launched the shot.

"I knew he was going to shoot it," Roy "He went up and I just kind of tipped it. I got high enough, and then it went off



Washington's Brandon Roy wins a battle for a loose ball with N.C. State's Julius Hodge.

his hands and slipped out of bounds. But I got a piece of it.'

Simmons came away with the ball be fore it went out of play, drew a foul and made two free throws with 0.2 seconds to seal the victory. That left the Wolfpack looking back on a questionable no-call.

"When I watch the film, I will be able to tell you," N.C. State coach Herb Sendek said

Said Hodge: "I went straight up and I felt the little guy, Nate, get me in the body some. My shot was a little off target, but I've still got to find a way to put the ball in

the bucket. I'm not going to blame them (officials) on that last play.

Hodge scored 15 points and Robinson. Washington's leading scorer, was limited to seven after missing nine of 11 shots.

No. 1 Illinois 93, Valparaiso 56: At Champaign, Ill., Dee Brown had 19 points and all five Illinois starters in double fig-

Brown scored five points in a 20-5 run midway through the second half that gave the Illini (10-0) a 39-point lead over the

Crusaders (2-6). The Illini, playing their first game in eight days, shot 59 percent from the field.

Dan Oppland had 16 points for the Crusaders, who shot 34 percent and committed 15 turnovers.

No. 5 North Carolina 85, Virginia Tech 51: At Blacksburg, Va., Jawad Williams and Sean May each scored 17 points and the Tar Heels gave Virginia Tech a rough

welcome to Atlantic Coast Conference baskethall. The Tar Heels (8-1), who won their eighth straight, scored 17 of the last 21 points to lead 41-27 at halftime, then start-

ed the second half on a 16-5 run. Zabian Dowdell scored 21 points for Virginia Tech (5-3).

No. 11 Connecticut 81, Rice 72: At Hartford, Conn., Rashad Anderson scored 27 points and went 7-for-8 from the free throw line over the final 2 minutes for the

Josh Boone added a career-high 20 points and dominated inside with 14 rebounds for UConn (5-1), which was coming off its first loss - a 61-59 upset at Massachusetts 10 days ago.

The Huskies outrebounded the Owls 61-34 and had 31 offensive rebounds that led to 24 second-chance points Michael Harris led Rice (5-2) with 22

points and nine rebounds. No. 23 Maryland 90, Florida St. 88 (0T): At College Park, Md., John Gilchrist made two free throws with 6.6 seconds left

in overtime to cap a 21-point, 13-rebound performance as the Terrapins won their Atlantic Coast Conference opener. Six players scored in double figures for

the Terrapins (6-2), who held on after having blown a 13-point lead. D.J. Strawberry had five of his 11 points in overtime. Adam Waleskowski had 23 points for the

Seminoles (5-5).

Shaq sparks Heat to eighth straight victory

MIAMI - When the Miami Heat gave Shaquille O'Neal a chance to keep their winning streak going, he passed. Twice. Two nifty assists by O'Neal sparked a 13-point run late in the

fourth quarter by the Heat, who won their eighth game in a row, beating the Orlando Magic 117-107 Sunday night. "I found my shooters a couple of times." O'Neal said. "They

know if they get open. I'm going to hit them for the high-percent age shot." The Heat trailed much of the

game and were down 103-102 with five minutes left before O'Neal helped them surge ahead.

On consecutive possessions, O'Neal hit a dunk, fed Eddie Jones for a three-pointer that put Miami ahead to stay, then passed to Christian Laettner for a layup to make it 107-103. O'Neal's three-point play a minute later made it 110-103.

"At the end we just ran every-thing through Shaq," coach Stan Van Gundy said. "As the game goes on, the quick guys get tired and a little slower, but the big guys don't shrink." O'Neal finished with 27 points

and five assists. "When you've got Shaq on the

team, you keep feeding him," guard Keyon Dooling said. "That's a no-brainer.'

NBA new center, the their

Heat are on longest winning streak since March 1998. The past four victories have

come against teams above .500. "We're getting better and putting together wins," O'Neal said. "We're not blowing people out all the time, but we'll get to that." Playing their intrastate rivals

for the first time this season, the Magic were eager to challenge Miami's supremacy atop the South-east Division. Instead Orlando lost for the fourth time in five games and fell four games behind Steve Francis led Orlando with

31 points, many on acrobatic, slashing shots. He even drew a foul on a twisting attempt with his back to the basket Kings 107, Hornets 71: At Sac.

ramento, Peja Stojakovic scored 21 points, and Sacramento pulled away in the second half for a blowvictory over New Orleans which lost for the 21st time in 23 Grizzlies 92, Clippers 82: At

Los Angeles, Pau Gasol scored six of his 20 points in the final 5:05 and Jason Williams added two three-pointers down the stretch to lift Memphis.

Corey Maggette scored 22 points for the Clippers.

NBA scoreboard

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Dallas	16		.640	4			
Houston	11	13	.458	81/2			
Memphis	11	15	.423	91/2			
New Orleans		21	.087	17			
Northwest Division							
	W	L	Pct	GB			
Seattle	18		.783	-			
Minnesota	15	8	.652	3			
Denver	13	11	.542	51/2			
Portland	12	11	.522	6			
Utah		15	.400	9			
Pacific Division							
	W	L	Pct	GB			
Phoenix	21	3		-			
Sacramento	16		.696	41/2			
L.A. Lakers		10		71/2			
L.A. Clippers		12	.478	91/2			
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93-69 20-29 99.
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1-7 2-12, Murray 4-5 7-8 18, Palacio 5-6 0-0
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Knicks 94, Jazz 93

UTAH — Boozer 6-14 7-14 19, Harpring 8-16 5-7 21, Radojevic 0-1 5-6 5, Bell 9-15 0-0 20, Lopez 1-6 1-2 3, Arroyo 3-10 3-3 9, Okur 5-7 2-2 21, Rabbjevic 0-1 5-6 5, Bell 9-15 0-0 20, Dez 1-6 1-2 3, Arroyo 3-10 3-3 9, Okur 5-7 2-2 Humphries 0-1 0-0 0, Giricek 0-1 0-0 0, Bor-ardt 1-1 0-0 2, Snyder 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 33-72

Three-Point Goals—Utah 3-5 (Bell 2-3, Oku 1-1, Harpring 0-1), New York 6-16 (Crawford 3-8, Houston 2-3, T.Thomas 1-3, Marbury 0-2). Fouled out—K.Thomas Rebounds—U-tah 56 (Okur 14), New York 37 (K.Thomas 14). Assists—Utah 16 (Lopez 4), New York 20 (Marbury 12). Total fouls—Utah 22, New York 20 22. Technical—K.Thomas. A—19,763 (19,763).

Heat 117, Magic 107

ORLANDO — Hill 8-14-4-20, Howard 0-37-8 7, Battle 2-6 1-1 5, Mobley 8-13 3-4 22, Francis 13-23 4-8 31, Turkoglu 4-11 2-2 11, Nelson 1-3 0-0 2, Kasun 2-2 0-0 4, Garrity 2-3 0-0 5, Aug-mon 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-78 21-27 107.

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Kings 107, Hornets 71

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25-77 18-26 71.

SACRAMENTO — Stojakovic 7-14 4-4 21,
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3-3 0-0 6, Bibby 5-9 5-6 16, Ostertag 3-3 0-0 6,
Jackson 5-11 0-0 14, Barnes 2-6 2-4 6, Evans
4-9 0-0 8, Daniels 0-1 0-0 0.
Totals 39-75 20-24 107.

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Grizzlies 92, Clippers 82

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12-02-02. Totals 36-80-0-71 30-3-10. winCOM Memphis Memphis 21 18-22 48-92 L.A. Clippers 21 18-29 14-82 Three-Point Goals—Memphis 3-16. (Miller Three-Point Goals—Memphis 3-16. (Miller Glimmons 1-1, Brunson 1-2, Jaric 6-2, Maggette 9-4). Foulded out—Moore, Rebounds—Memphis 30 (Gasol 8), L.A. Clippers 31. (Aric 6-). Total fouls—Memphis 25, L.A. Clippers 26. Aric 37: (Msemphis 26. Aric 3

'Tis the season for glut of games, points

Low-profile matchups often more entertaining than BCS counterparts

BY RALPH D. RUSSO The Associated Press

he bowl season has arrived and college football fans can expect two things: lots of games and

Nineteen of the 28 bowl games will be played between Tuesday and New Year's Eve. Many of the matchups seem mundane, even

against Green? Toledo vs. Connecticut? But don't be fooled. Often the Year's Day games are some of the most entertaining. Check out some of these scores



from last year's second-tier bowl games: Hawaii 54, Houston 48; California 52, Virgin-

ia Tech 49: Miami (Ohio) 49. Louisville 28; Minnesota 31, Oregon

There are a few potential shootouts this year, too — starting Wednesday with Memphis vs. Bowling Green in GMAC Bowl

The Falcons are one of a record five Mid-American Conference teams in the postseason and rank fourth in the nation in scoring at 43.6 points per game. Memphis. making its second straight bowl appearance after a 32-year drought, averages over 35 points.

Bowling Green quarterback Omar Jacobs is one of the nation's least-publicized stars. He's the country's fourth-rated passer (167.8), and has thrown for 3,637 yards and 36 touchdowns.

Memphis counters with maybe the most underrated running back in the country in DeAngelo Williams. The junior is third in rushing with 166.2 yards per game.

The Hawaii Bowl on Friday could also be a fun one, with the hometown Warriors facing HAR Timmy Chang, who holds the NCAA career record for yards passing, and wide receiver Chad Owens, a second-team All-American, put up plenty of points and yards for Hawaii. And the Warriors defense usually allows the

UAB's Darrell Hackney, a quarterback in the mold of the Minnesota Vikings' Daunte Culpepper, wideout Roddy White, third-team All-American, should make a good impression on NFI. scouts.

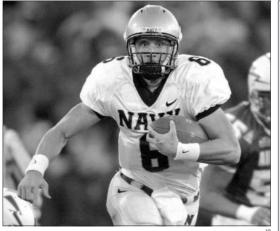
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Toledo and UConn in the Motor City Bowl on Dec. 27 features two more prolific passers in the Rockets' Bruce Gradkowski and the Huskies' Don Orlovsky. They have combined for 6,590 yards and 48 touchdown passes.

"We sure don't want a shootout." UConn coach Randy Edsall said

Texas Tech's Air Raid will try to keep up with a surly and very good California team in the Holiday Bowl, but for pure entertainment the Liberty Bowl could blow them all away. No. 7 Louisville is No. 1 in scor-

ing, averaging 50.3 points per game. No. 10 Boise State ranks



Navy QB Aaron Polanco, who rushed for 844 yards and 13 TDs this season, will try to lead the Midshipmen to their first bowl victory since 1996 against New Mexico in the Emerald Bowl on Dec. 30 in San Francisco.

second in that stat, at 49.7 points per game. Liberty Bowl officials weren't

thrilled with losing Utah to the Bowl Championship Series, but got a great consolation prize in Boise State.

"It's such a unique matchup," Liberty Bowl executive director Steve Ehrhart said. "We're always having to battle the bowls that have beaches and fancy new stadiums. That's why, this time, we have a terrific opportunity to showcase Memphis. The picks:

Tuesday, Dec. 21 Champs Sports Bowl

Georgia Tech (minus 41/2) vs. Syracuse: No shootout here with ech's tough defense ... GEOR-GIA TECH 22-14

Wednesday, Dec. 22 GMAC Bowl

Memphis (plus 41/2) vs. Bowling Green: Both teams looking for a second straight howl victory MEMPHIS 47-43

Thursday, Dec. 23 Fort Worth (Texas) Bowl

Cincinnati (minus 11/2) vs. Marshall: Bearcats quarterback Gino Guidugli likely to return from injury ... CINCINNATI 33-28.

Las Vegas Bowl Wyoming (plus 12) vs. UCLA:

Cowboys' first bowl since 1993 .. UCI A 41-17

Friday, Dec. 24 Hawaii Bowl

UAB (plus 31/2) vs. Hawaii: War-

riors have scored 82 points in last two Hawaii Bowls ... UAB 45-38

Monday, Dec. 27 **MPC Computers Bowl**

Fresno State (plus 51/2) vs. No. 18 Virginia: Not what the Cavaliers were hoping for ... VIRGINIA

Motor City Bowl

Toledo (minus 31/2) vs. Connecticut: Huskies go bowling for first time IICONN 38-37

Tuesday, Dec. 28 Independence Bowl

Iowa State (plus 3) vs. Miami (Ohio): Cyclones s are 1-6 in bowls

Insight Bowl

Oregon State (minus 31/2) vs. Notre Dame: Irish try to snap losing skid NOTRE DAME 22-17

Wednesday, Dec. 29 Houston Bowl

Texas-El Paso (plus 3) vs. Colorado: Miners coach Mike Price is -2 in bowl games ... COLORADO

Alamo Bowl

No. 24 Ohio State (plus 11/2) vs. Oklahoma State: Last time Buck-eves played in a bowl before Jan. was 1993 ... OHIO STATE

Thursday, Dec. 30 Continental Tire Bowl

No. 25 Boston College (plus 3) vs. North Carolina: BC gets taste of life in ACC ... NORTH CAROLI-

Emerald Bowl

New Mexico (minus 21/2) vs. Navy: Middies' last bowl victory was in 1996 ... NAVY 21-19.

Holiday Bowl No. 4 California (minus 111/2) vs. Texas Tech: Beware angry Bears ... CAL 48-14.

Silicon Valley Classic Troy (pick) vs. Northern Illinois: Troy's first bowl; Huskies'

Friday, Dec. 31 **Music City Bowl**

30-17

Alabama (minus 31/2) vs. Minne sota: Tide returns to postseas after two-year absence ALA-BAMA 27-26

Sun Bowl

Purdue (minus 7) vs. No. 21 Arizona State: Sun Devils quarterback Andrew Walter is out with an injury ... PURDUE 28-14.

Liberty Bowl No. 10 Boise State (plus 14) vs.

No. 7 Louisville: This should be more fun than Graceland ... LOU-ISVILLE 56-40

Peach Rowl

No. 14 Miami (minus 21/2) vs. No. 20 Florida: So, who exactly is coaching the Gators? ... MIAMI

Last week of regular season: 2 (straight); 4-9 (vs. points) 194-52 125-114-5 (vs. points).

Bowl glance

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Motor City Bowl At Detroit Payout: \$750,000 Toledo (9-3) vs. Connecticut (7-4) 9-3) vs. Connecticut Tuesday, Dec. 28 Independence Bow At Shreveport, La. Payout: \$1.2 million

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Wednesday, Dec. 29 Houston Bowl Payout: \$1.1 million Paso (8-3) vs. Colorac Alamo Bowl At San Antonio Payout: \$1.55 million

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Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
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Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
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Payout: \$14.5 million an (9-2) vs. Texas (10-1) Fiesta Bowl At Tempe, Ariz. Payout: \$11-14 million 1-0) vs. Pittsburgh (8-3) Monday, Jan. 3 Sugar Bowl At New Orleans

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O'Neal helps Miami keep winning streak alive, Page 38



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning walks off the field following their 20-10 win over the Baltimore Ravens in Indianapolis. Manning finished with 249 yards passing and one touchdown.

No record, just a Colts victory

Manning still one short of Marino's mark

BY MICHAEL MAROT

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning tried to focus on winning while the home crowd seemed unwilling to accept anything less than a record-setting night

Manning threw his 47th touchdown pass of the season to move within one of Dan Marino's long-standing record and finished with 249 yards to lead the Colts to a 20-10 victory over the Baltimore Rayens on Sunday night.

But after kneeling twice in the final minute to run out the clock and passing up a chance at tying Marino's record, the Colts' franchise player drew an unexpected reaction from the crowd — boos.

"I can't get over the crowd booing like that," said Manning, last season's league co-MVP. "I hope those were Baltimore fans, because that's what you're supposed to do."

His record pursuit aside, Manning did have another good game. He completed 20 of 33 passes for 249 yards and threw for one touchdown against Baltimore's stingy defense while extending his NFL

record of consecutive 4,000-yard seasons to six. Manning is now one TD pass short of Marino's 20-year-old record of 48 in a season.

The Colts (11-3) won their seventh straight and set up a showdown with San Diego next week for the No. 3 seed in the AFC.

But it wasn't nearly enough to satisfy a festive crowd that expected to see history. Before the game, city officials agreed to build a

Before the game, city officials agreed to build a new retractable roof stadium that would keep the team in Indianapolis for 30 more years.

Then fans waved signs and held banners that counted down to the touchdown mark. They roared after Manning hooked up with Marvin Harrison on a TD pass in the third quarter and every time after that when it appeared Manning had a chance to tie the record.

Instead, the Colts settled for two second-half touchdown drives and a victory.

"We're not really focused on that," coach Tony
Dungy said of the record. "We'd like to get it, but
we're focused on winning."

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Jaguars stun Pack; Green Bay still seals playoffs

Green Bay Packers receiver Robert Ferguson loses his helmet as he is hit by Jacksonville **Jaguars safety Donovin Darius** (20) in the fourth quarter on Sunday in Green Bay, Wis. Darius was ejected from the game after the hit. Ferguson left the field on a stretcher and was taken to a local hospital. The Jaguars won 28-25, but Green Bay had clinched a playoff berth before the game even started when other teams in the NFC lost earlier in the day. See story on Page 36.

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Washington gets a tip, upsets N.C. State



Owens might miss playoffs Page 35

